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November 29, 2016

The Honorable Jeh Johnson
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Secretary Johnson:

Yesterday, an Ohio State University student attacked pedestrians on campus with his car and a butcher's knife leaving 11 injured. According to reports, 18-year-old Abdul Razak Ali Artan was alone in his vehicle when he slammed into a group of people, hopped out, and stabbed several others with a butcher's knife. The university warned all students on campus to shelter-in-place during the attack.¹

According to sources, Abdul Razak Ali Artan is a lawful permanent resident who originally came to the United States from Somalia as a refugee. Investigators have determined that Artan was inspired by ISIS rhetoric and that this was an act of terror.² To better understand the situation, please provide a description of Abdul Razak Ali Artan's immigration history and copies of his Alien File, including any temporary files, working files, and all documents and items contained in them that were generated by DHS or in its possession about him, whether currently in written or electronic form, including, but not limited to, the Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) Executive Summary, criminal history and immigration summaries, detainers or requests for notification, I-213(s), and Notice(s) to Appear or other charging documents created to seek his removal from the United States.

I anticipate that your written reply and any responsive documents will be unclassified. Please send all unclassified material directly to the Committee. In keeping with the requirements of Executive Order 13526, if any of the responsive documents do contain classified information, please segregate all unclassified material within the classified documents, provide all

¹ *Suspect Is Killed in Attack at Ohio State University That Injured 9*, New York Times (Nov. 28, 2016), http://www.nytimes.com/2016/11/28/us/active-shooter-ohio-state-university.html?_r=0

² *Investigators Believe Ohio State Attacker was Inspired by ISIS and Al-Awlaki*, CNN (Nov. 29, 2016), <http://www.cnn.com/2016/11/29/us/ohio-state-university-attack/index.html>

unclassified information directly to the Committee, and provide a classified addendum to the Office of Senate Security. Although the Committee complies with all laws and regulations governing the handling of classified information, it is not bound, absent its prior agreement, by any handling restrictions or instructions on unclassified information unilaterally asserted by the Executive Branch.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please respond by December 12, 2016. If you have any questions, please contact Katherine Nikas of my Committee staff at (202) 224-5225.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chuck Grassley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
Senate Committee on the Judiciary

cc:

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on the Judiciary