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*Leading the Way—
getting the right information
to the right people
in the right place
at the right time*

Dear Local, State, and Tribal Colleagues:

During a White House meeting today, the Assistant to the President for Homeland Security, Ms. Frances Fragos Townsend, announced the release of the *National Strategy for Information Sharing* on behalf of President George W. Bush.

I had the honor and privilege to be present at the White House with President Bush and many law enforcement/intelligence agency executives. The release of this Strategy is a milestone event and provides us with even more support to help ensure the safety of our nation's citizens through information sharing.

As each of you is aware, the Criminal Intelligence Coordinating Council and the U.S. Department of Justice's Global Intelligence Working Group have worked very closely with our federal partners over the past several years to design and implement an information sharing framework that will assist in the prevention of terrorism and foster an environment that allows for the sharing of information. All of your efforts have resulted in the development and standing up of fusion centers, recognition of the importance of privacy and security issues, identification of the need for robust technology solutions, and a significant dialogue regarding intelligence-led policing. Each of these initiatives is very prominent in the Administration's Strategy, which clearly illustrates the integral role and influence each of you has had. White House officials graciously acknowledged the efforts of the many state, local, tribal, and federal officials involved in making this Strategy a reality.

I would personally like to commend and thank each of you for your hard work and commitment over the past several years in helping all levels of law enforcement take another step forward in the development and sharing of information and intelligence. However, we must realize that we have not yet completed our job. Everyone's strong efforts must continue, as you may be called upon once again to assist in the enrichment of the information sharing environment. As a group, we must continue to ensure that we make these concepts and strategies a permanent part of our daily operations.

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A link in order to view the *National Strategy for Information Sharing* is included in the e-mail transmission with this letter. Once again, thank you, and I look forward to working with you in the future. Please feel free to contact me directly if you would like to further discuss the Strategy or any other matters of mutual concern.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bart Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bart" being more prominent and the last name "Johnson" written in a continuous, flowing style.

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