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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
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Washington, DC, 20510

The Honorable Saxby Chambliss
United States Senate
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Dear Chairwoman Feinstein and Vice Chairman Chambliss:

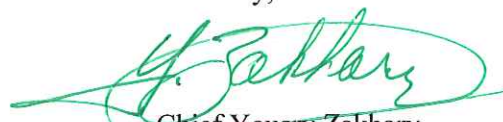
On behalf of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), I am pleased to inform you of our support for the nomination of General Francis X. Taylor to serve as the next Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis (I&A) at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The IACP believes that the selection of General Taylor is a logical decision and one that will enhance and strengthen the Office of Intelligence and Analysis' mission and ability to ensure our homeland is safe, secure, and resilient against terrorism threats.

It is the position of the IACP that that General Taylor's prior experience serving in the United States military, as Coordinator for Counterterrorism, and as Assistant Secretary of State for Diplomatic Security make him highly qualified to handle the unique and diverse challenges our country faces. In addition, General Taylor understands the crucial role and the challenges that federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies play in combating terrorism and the importance of inter-agency communication and information sharing.

We had the opportunity to meet with General Taylor today and he clearly articulated the importance of I&A and disseminating intelligence throughout DHS and to state, local and tribal law enforcement. Additionally, General Taylor was well versed and understanding of the role of the National Network of Fusion Centers and the important role they play in the protection of the homeland.

We strongly believe that General Taylor is well positioned to serve as the next Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis. Therefore, the IACP urges you to rapidly confirm General Taylor's nomination. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Bart R. Johnson, IACP Executive Director, if the IACP may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,


Chief Yousry Zakhary
President