



One Hundred Tenth Congress  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Committee on Homeland Security  
Washington, DC 20515

May 1, 2008

The Honorable Michael Chertoff  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Secretary Chertoff:

We are writing to you today to inquire as to whether the Department of Homeland Security expects to be able to meet the September 25, 2008 deadline for Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) enrollment, as required in 46 CFR 12.01-11, 46 CFR 10.113, and 46 CFR 15.415.

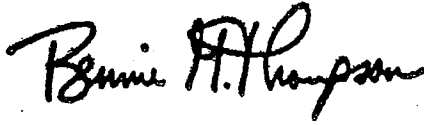
As you know, we have been closely monitoring the program's progress and, from what we have seen, the prospect that Department will meet this deadline appears very remote. The current projection for TWIC enrollment is 850,000. The Department, however, has only enrolled 260,608 individuals, as of May 1, 2008. Given that it took six months to enroll 260,608 individuals, we would be interested to know how you expect to enroll double this number in five months. Accordingly, we have the following questions that we would like to have answered:

- Do you intend to change the September 25, 2008 deadline? If so, what is the new deadline?
- If not, what resources and efforts is the Department dedicating to ensure that it meets the September 25, 2008 deadline?
- If you are not dedicating new resources and efforts to meet the deadline and have not identified a new deadline for completion, can you give us your assurance that you intend to complete TWIC enrollments by September 25, 2008?

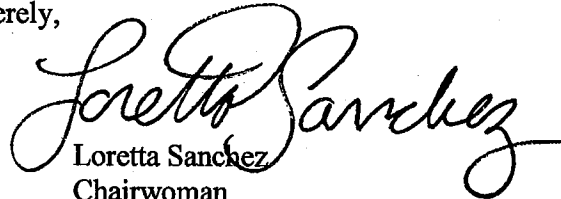
Due to the serious nature of this issue, we request that you respond to our questions in writing by May 9, 2008. Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you

have any questions regarding this request, please contact Rosaline Cohen, Chief Counsel at 202 226-2616.

Sincerely,



Bennie G. Thompson  
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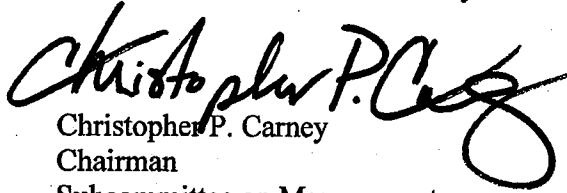
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