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Dear Mrs. Wolfe,

The Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Federal Network Security (FNS) Branch Compliance and Assurance Program (CAP) is responsible for coordinating the Trusted Internet Connections Compliance Validation (TCV) assessments. This program is dedicated to providing an objective, repeatable and consistent compliance validation method to measure the degree of adherence to the Trusted Internet Connections (TIC) Initiative. This method relies on data collection and the evaluation of evidence provided by each Trusted Internet Connections Access Provider (TICAP), the entity responsible for managing a TIC.

To assess a MTIPS TICAP's compliance with the TIC initiative, a TCV assessment measures:

- Implementation of the critical TIC technical capabilities published by the Office of Management and Budget as part of the TIC Initiative;
- Participation in the National Cybersecurity Protection System (NCPS) program.

The CAP team reviewed Verizon Business's TIC from September 14, 2009 to July 30, 2010. After conducting the review, the team produced a TCV Report that resulted in the following key findings, which are explained thoroughly in the attached full report:

- Verizon Business was found to have met 100% of the critical TIC technical capabilities.
- The Verizon Business TICAP currently does participate in the National Cyber Protection System (NCPS). Verizon Business has executed the required MOA and MOU documents.

Verizon Business is obligated to deliver TIC capabilities and services as prescribed under the Network contract and as assessed by DHS without changes. Any changes or modifications shall not occur without prior coordination and approval by GSA and DHS. A re-assessment will be conducted within 6 months following initial delivery of service.

The findings articulated above (and attached) demonstrate that Verizon Business is currently fully compliant with the TIC Initiative and, therefore, is designated at Mature Operating Capability.

Sincerely,

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Matthew D. Coose
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National Cyber Security Division