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Secretary Jeh Johnson
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

The Faith-based Security and Communications Advisory Subcommittee has been tasked through the Homeland Security Advisory Council to strengthen partnerships among and between faith-based organizations, local law enforcement, and the Department of Homeland Security.

Over the course of the past year the Subcommittee held several conference calls to develop recommendations for the Council's review and approval. It is with pleasure that I transmit the Council's approved Subcommittee report.

The Subcommittee's report contains a very important value statement from its culturally diverse membership. In that statement, the members "strongly and uniformly denounce violence against any other (faith-based organizations) to include their houses of worship and those who worship. When any threats target one member of the faith-based community, they target all of us and will be met with stiff resistance in their attempt to divide us against hate."

On behalf of the Homeland Security Advisory Council, we appreciate the opportunity to advise you on these important topics regarding security and communications for faith-based organizations. It has been an honor to serve you, the members of this Department, and the American people in this advisory role.

Sincerely,

William Webster
Chair, Homeland Security Advisory Council