

December 21, 2011

Mr. Brian McCann
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Dear Mr. McCann,

Thank you for your letter of December 16. I am very sorry about the tragic loss of your brother and the frustrations you have experienced in your efforts to prevent similar tragedies in the future.

Please be assured that the Task Force on Secure Communities, starting with our first meeting and continuing throughout our deliberations, was keenly aware of the need to ensure that none of our recommendations would facilitate the release of DUI offenders or other threats to public safety. Our final report, which is available online at <http://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/hsac-task-force-on-secure-communities-findings-and-recommendations-report.pdf>, has a section on DHS enforcement actions against minor traffic offenders, and we emphasized on page 22 that "the category of minor traffic offenses should *not* include driving under the influence, hit-and-run, or reckless driving resulting in injury to persons, or other violations that have the potential of causing serious injury or harm to the public."

I can tell you that there was never any controversy on this point during our deliberations; all members of the Task Force agreed that DUI offenders and other public safety risks are not "minor offenders."

I commend your work to reduce the carnage caused by DUI offenders and help spare other families the sadness you and your family are experiencing. Thank you for appearing before the Task Force in Chicago, and for writing to me. I have shared a copy of your letter with the Task Force members as well as with John Morton, Director of ICE.

Sincerely,



Chuck Wexler

Cc: ICE Director John Morton
Members of the Task Force on Secure Communities