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March 4, 2024

Senator Shelly Hettleman, District 11
Delegate Samuel I. "Sandy" Rosenberg, District 41
Maryland General Assembly
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401-1925

Dear Senator Hettleman and Delegate Rosenberg:

Thank you for your letter dated February 26, 2024 and willingness to work with our office on the important issue of countering domestic terrorism. Based on the recommendations presented in the letter and after conferring with our departments, I believe we can reasonably accommodate this request. An employee will be identified to work specifically on countering domestic terrorism and will report to the Governor's Office of Homeland Security on these matters. To ensure the employee is embedded in current domestic and international intelligence sharing, they will be employed and located at the state's fusion center. Additionally, the staff member will convene and manage the regular meetings of the Violent Extremism Prevention Task Force (VEPTF). The same employee will ensure the recommendations of the task force are best implemented, to include awareness and prevention efforts. Until the new employee can be recruited and hired, the fusion center has identified an interim staff member that will work directly with me on immediately addressing these recommendations.

I look forward to hearing from you soon and welcome the opportunity to meet and discuss any necessary specifics so you have confidence your concerns have been addressed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "T. Nelson".

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