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Ms. Rachel Levinson-Waldman
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Dear Ms. Levinson-Waldman:

Thank you for your November 16, 2017 letter. Secretary Nielsen asked that I respond on her behalf.

During its vetting processes, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) manually performs its searches. After posting a Request for Information, ICE held two industry day events, which allowed vendors to provide information about technologies that may be available to enable automated processes. ICE's goal is to enhance vetting by being more efficient and reducing human error, which are critical components of the vetting process. ICE is also considering whether currently available DHS capabilities will meet its needs.

Currently, ICE uses law enforcement and analytical tools to support the vetting process and enable law enforcement personnel and analysts to make the most informed decisions.

Thank you for your letter and interest in this important matter. Please share this response with the co-signers of your letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Homan", written over a horizontal line.

Thomas D. Homan
Deputy Director and Senior Official
Performing the Duties of the Director