



**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20502**

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Dear Steve:

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me and for sharing your insights and thoughts regarding Homeland Security and the concerns and issues of labor. We appreciate your concerns regarding issues effecting the needs of our critical law enforcement organizations.

I look forward to continuing dialogue with you and fellow labor leaders, incorporating the needs and resources of labor as we work together toward a more secure homeland.

These are challenging times for our Nation, but we can all be proud, as the President certainly is, of the way our citizens and leaders are responding – with acts of courage, compassion and generosity. The world is seeing the very best of the American spirit.

The President, Ken Mehlman and I truly appreciate your support of our efforts. We will work toward setting a future date with the leadership of labor to continue our valuable discussions.

With best personal regards,

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

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