

THE WHITE HOUSE

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The Honorable Thomas R. Carper
Chairman
Committee on Homeland Security and
Governmental Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Carper:

I understand that in connection with the Committee's consideration of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Director Alejandro Mayorkas to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security concerns have been raised about an investigation being conducted by the Office of Inspector General at the Department of Homeland Security. As you know, Executive Branch nominees undergo a thorough FBI background investigation prior to nomination, the results of which are shared, upon request, with the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee. Further, Executive Branch nominees are vetted by the White House for suitability for service prior to nomination. These standard practices were followed with respect to the nomination of Director Mayorkas, and we have no concerns about his suitability for this important position.

We urge the Committee and the full Senate to act swiftly to consider this nomination and confirm Director Mayorkas as the Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security.

Sincerely,



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cc: The Honorable Tom A. Coburn
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