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Secretary Matthew Cate
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

On Saturday July 10, 2010, at approximately 6:00 p.m. in the evening, two Los Angeles Police Officers, in full uniform driving a marked black and white police vehicle, initiated a pursuit of a possible DUI suspect, later identified as Javier Rueda. At the termination of the pursuit, Mr. Rueda exited his car, already armed with a handgun, and fired at the officers. Several of the bullets Mr. Rueda fired hit the black and white, in the windshield and doors where the officers had taken refuge. The officers returned fire. Mr. Rueda was wounded and taken to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead. His two loaded semiautomatic handguns were recovered at the scene. One Los Angeles Police Department officer sustained a gunshot wound and is in stable condition. The second officer sustained a fracture due to a fall during the incident. Both officers were fortunate they were not mortally wounded in this brazen and senseless attack.

During the course of our investigation of this Attempted Murder of our Police Officers, it was determined that Mr. Rueda was on active parole (CDC # F71904), and a documented "Vineland Boys" gang member known by the moniker of "Jayboy" or "Ghost." Mr. Rueda has been on Parole since January 25, 2009, for a case (Los Angeles County Case No. PA058011) where he was convicted of Possession of a Controlled Substance while armed with a Firearm (11370.1(A) H&S), Possession of a Silencer (12520 PC), Vehicle Theft (10851 VC), and Evading a Police Officer (2800.2(A) VC), and sentenced to a total of ten years in state prison. I am concerned that after serving just two years of his state prison sentence, he was paroled on January 25, 2009, and then transferred to Non-Revocable Parole in May of 2010.

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I am requesting that your agency assist us in evaluating this case to determine how he was granted early release and then transferred to Non-Revocable Parole. If you determine that there were issues regarding Mr. Rueda's status we would appreciate your feedback on how we can work with you to ensure that incidents of a similar nature do not occur.

I am grateful for your cooperation and assistance with this matter. If you or your staff has any questions about this issue, please feel free to contact me or my Chief of Staff, Commander Rick Jacobs at (213) 486-0150.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Beck', with a stylized flourish at the end.

CHARLIE BECK

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