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VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

The Honorable Jeh Johnson
Secretary
Department of Homeland Security
Washington, DC 20528

The Honorable John F. Kerry
Secretary
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Secretary Johnson:

Early in the morning on June 12, 2016, in what President Obama deemed an act of terror, a gunman opened fire at an Orlando, Florida, nightclub killing 49 people, and wounding 53 more. Law enforcement have identified the shooter as Omar Mateen, a U.S. born resident whose parents emigrated from Afghanistan. Orlando Police claimed the attack was “well organized and well-prepared,” and reports claim that Omar Mateen pledged allegiance to ISIS in a call to 9-1-1.

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Media reports also allege that Omar Mateen had been a “person of interest” after making statements supporting several terrorist organizations before, was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in 2013 and 2014, and was additionally on the radar of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).² Omar Mateen’s father, Seddiq Mir Mateen, allegedly hosts a program on a California-based satellite Afghan TV station with a pro-Taliban

¹ Fantz, A., Karimi, F., and McLaughlin, E.C., *Police: 50 Killed in Florida Nightclub Terror Attack*; CNN (Jun. 12, 2016); available at <http://www.cnn.com/2016/06/12/us/orlando-nightclub-shooting/>

² Grimson, M., Wyllie D., Fieldstadt, E., *Orlando Nightclub Shooting: Mass Casualties After Gunman Opens Fire in Gay Club*; NBC; available at <http://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/orlando-nightclub-massacre/orlando-nightclub-shooting-emergency-services-respond-reports-gunman-n590446>

slant. According to reports, he often appears on Facebook wearing a military uniform and declaring himself the leader of a revolutionary sect of the Afghan government.³

For a more thorough understanding of Omar Mateen's connections to ISIS and what motivated this act of terror, please provide numbered written responses to the following questions no later than, June 17, 2016, and provide knowledgeable staff to brief the Committee no later than the same.

1. Please provide a list of all A-files, executive summaries, or receipt files with TECs hits for terrorism that have been requested from DHS in furtherance of the Orlando nightclub shooting investigation including all records for Omar Mateen, his parents, siblings if appropriate, his spouses, and Imam Shafiq Rahman.
2. Did Omar Mateen have any criminal convictions? Please explain and provide all relevant documentation.
3. Was Omar Mateen on any terrorist watch lists? If so, which lists and which dates was he on any such lists?
4. Did Mateen's parents, siblings, or his wife have refugee status? Please provide all documentation related to their application for refugee status.
 - a. If they did not apply for refugee status, or in addition to that filing, what types of visas did the parents apply for? What types were they granted?
 - b. On which dates were the parents admitted to the United States?
 - c. Did his parents adjust their status while in the United States? Please explain and provide all relevant dates of application for adjustment.
5. Please provide all details and documentation related to travel for Omar Mateen, his parents or siblings, and his wife and ex-wife.
 - a. Did his parents ever return to Afghanistan since emigrating? When? Please provide relevant documentation.
 - b. Did Omar Mateen travel to any Middle Eastern country from 2000-present? Please provide all relevant documentation.
6. Was Omar Mateen a government contractor with either of your agencies at any time? Please explain what type of work he contracted for, and the length of his contracts. If so, was information from the FBI's inquiry into Mateen shared with appropriate

³ Reals, Tucker, *What Has the Orlando Gunman's Father Said?*; CBS (Jun. 13, 2016); available at <http://www.cbsnews.com/news/orlando-shooting-omar-mateen-father-seddique-mateen-taliban-god-punish-gays/>

contracting authorities to inform potential administrative action to mitigate the risks of employing Mateen in a sensitive government contract position? If so, what information was shared with whom and when. If no, please explain why not.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Should you have any questions, please contact Katherine Nikas of my Committee staff at (202) 224-5225.

Sincerely,



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Chairman
Senate Committee on the Judiciary

cc: The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on the Judiciary

cc: The Honorable James B. Comey, Jr.
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