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Mary Ellen Callahan Chief Privacy Officer The Privacy Office U.S. Department of Homeland Security Washington, DC 20528

Dear Ms. Callahan,

Under the Act that governs the operation of your agency, the Chief Privacy Officer is required to prepare "a report to Congress on an annual basis on activities of the Department that affect privacy, including complaints of privacy violations, implementation of the Privacy Act of 1974, internal controls, and other matters."

According to your web site, the most recent DHS Privacy Office Annual Report was published in July 2008.<sup>2</sup>

As it has been over a year since the publication of the last Report, we would like to know when the current Report, concerning the activities of your office, will be made available to the public.

Sincerely,

Lillie Coney

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cc: Chairman Bennie G. Thompson, Committee on Homeland Security Ranking Member Peter T. King, Committee on Homeland Security

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 6 U.S.C. § 142(a)(6) (2009); "DHS | DHS Privacy Office – About the Privacy Office," available at http://www.dhs.gov/xabout/structure/editorial\_0510.shtm (last visited September 22, 2009).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> "DHS | DHS Privacy Office – Reports and Statements" available at http://www.dhs.gov/files/publications/editorial\_0514.shtm#1 (last visited September 22, 2009). See Appendix 1 attached.

## Appendix 1

