



**Homeland  
Security**

September 15, 2021

The Honorable Christopher H. Smith  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Smith:

Thank you for your September 13, 2021, letter to Secretary Mayorkas.

Your correspondence is very important to us. The appropriate Department of Homeland Security Components are preparing information so we can respond with the accuracy and completeness that your letter deserves. Please know that the Department's leadership has accorded your letter a high priority, and we are endeavoring to respond to you as soon as possible.

Should you have any questions in the interim, please ask your staff to contact my office at (202) 447-5890.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alice Lugo".

Alice Lugo  
Assistant Secretary