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ICE/ERO Acting Executive Associate Director Todd M. Lyons
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Acting Executive Associate Director Lyons:

I am writing to request Georgia Department of Public Safety participation in the Task Force Model (TFM) pursuant to 287(g) of the Immigration and Naturalization Act. Given our agencies current relationship with ICE, this partnership will enable us to better serve and meet the needs of the residents of Georgia.

I have been in contact with your ERO Field Office Director and the local 287(g) Program Manager. Both have been helpful. I am proposing the following:

- The establishment of a Task Force Program for the Georgia Department of Public Safety, located in Atlanta, Georgia.
- Train 1100 law enforcement officers to serve as 287(g) Task Force officers under the TFM model. I understand the requirements for selection of these officers.

The Task Force Model will allow us to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement which will enable my agency to assist in the identification and apprehension of illegal aliens who may pose a risk to public safety in the State of Georgia. I look forward to your speedy endorsement of this request in hopes of moving forward with the program for the benefit of both agencies.

If there are any questions or other needs which would assist in processing this request, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Will W. Hitchens III".

Colonel William W. Hitchens, III
Commissioner, Georgia Department of Public Safety