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The Honorable Robert Mueller
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
J. Edgar Hoover Building
935 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Director Mueller:

We write today regarding the Federal Bureau of Investigation's ("FBI") revised edition of the Domestic Investigations and Operations Guide ("DIOG"). We appreciate the assistance and willingness of the FBI to brief the Senate Judiciary Committee ("Committee") last year on this important matter and to make available a draft version of the new manual, colloquially referred to as DIOG II.

Recent press reports indicate that the FBI plans to release the revised manual in the near future. (*See* Charlie Savage, "F.B.I. Agents Get Leeway to Push Privacy Bounds," *The New York Times*, June 12, 2011.) The article raises questions about changes to the current DIOG that may broaden the authority of FBI agents to conduct searches. Accordingly, we request that the FBI provide a briefing to Committee staff to discuss the proposed changes and provide an opportunity to review the final version of DIOG II before it is implemented. We also ask that once DIOG II is finalized, a public version be released and made available on the FBI's website.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


PATRICK LEAHY
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