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The Honorable Phil Gingrey
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Gingrey:

Thank you for your October 13, 2010 letter to John Morton, Assistant Secretary for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). In your letter, you ask that ICE expedite implementing the Secure Communities initiative throughout the State of Georgia. You also request that ICE provide an up-to-date list of all localities in which Secure Communities has been activated or not activated in the state.

As you noted in your letter, ICE has begun deploying Secure Communities in Georgia. According to our records, eight counties have been activated. Additionally, 48 of the 151 remaining counties are scheduled to be activated in Fiscal Year 2011, with all remaining counties scheduled for activation by Fiscal Year 2013. A list of active and inactive counties within the State of Georgia is enclosed.

When considering when and where to deploy Secure Communities, in addition to considering high-risk jurisdictions, ICE must also consider its operational capacity. Each ICE field office must be able to respond to identifications from IDENT/IAFIS (the Federal Bureau of Investigation's and Department of Homeland Security's interoperability of their respective fingerprint databases) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

ICE has developed a relationship with Georgia's State Identification Bureau during the first 8 activations and has conducted outreach to local law enforcement agencies in 13 counties. ICE looks forward to continuing this process and will continue to assess its ability to expedite IDENT/IAFIS Interoperability deployments in Georgia. ICE appreciates your support and shares your desire to complete the activation of the entire state of Georgia.

Thank you once again for contacting ICE. Representatives Price, Broun, Graves, Kingston, Linder, and Westmoreland, who co-signed your letter, will receive separate, identical responses. Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

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Elliot Williams
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Attachment 1

ACTIVE (8):

Clayton, DeKalb, Gwinnett, Cobb, Fulton, Muscogee, Hall, Whitfield

INACTIVE (151):

FY 11

Appling Sumter
Cherokee Tift
Forsyth Ware
Henry Wayne
Rockdale
Spalding
Barrow
Newton
Walton
Chatham
Coweta
Fayette
Glynn
Troup
Colquitt
Houston
Lowndes
Carroll
Douglas
Paulding
Bartow
Floyd
Polk
Clarke
Habersham
Jackson
Pickens
Coffee
Dougherty
Grady
Jeff Davis
Catoosa
Gordon
Murray
Walker
Baldwin
Bibb
Columbia
Richmond
Bulloch
Liberty
Thomas
Camden
Crisp

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Atkinson Jones
Bacon Lamar
Banks Lanier
Ben Hill Laurens
Berrien Lee
Bleckley Lincoln
Brantley Long
Brooks Lumpkin
Bryan Macon
Burke Madison
Butts Marion
Calhoun McDuffie
Candler McIntosh
Charlton Meriwether
Chattooga Miller
Clay Mitchell
Cinch Monroe
Cook Montgomery
Crawford Morgan
Dade Oconee
Dawson Oglethorpe
Decatur Peach
Dodge Pierce
Dooly Pulaski
Early Putnam
Echols Rabun
Effingham Rabun
Elbert Randolph
Emanuel Schley
Evans Screven
Franklin Seminole
Gilmer Stephens
Glascocock Stewart
Greene Taliaferro
Hancock Tattnal
Haralson Taylor
Harris Telfair
Hart Terrell
Heard Toombs
Irwin Towns
Jasper Treutlen
Jefferson Turner
Jenkins Twiggs
Johnson Union

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Baker
Chattahoochee
Fannin
Pike
Quitman
Talbot
Wheeler