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July 15, 2019

The Honorable Tom Udall  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Udall:

Thank you for copying our office on your May 10, 2019 letter to U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Acting Secretary McAleenan. In your letter, you and your co-requestors express your concerns regarding the alleged targeting of U.S. journalists and immigrant advocates at the southwest border. You also raised specific concerns about a Customs and Border Protection (CBP) list of 59 individuals, including journalists and attorneys, who may have been singled out for enhanced inspection at U.S. ports of entry.

We respond to your letter to inform you that a multidisciplinary team of Office of Inspector General (OIG) criminal investigators, program analysts, and attorneys is conducting an investigation of this list and related issues, which will culminate in a final public facing report. We plan to review the leaked "San Diego Sector Foreign Operations Branch: Migrant Caravan FY-2019, Suspected Organizers, Coordinators, Instigators and Media" document in order to determine why it was created, what it is used for, and what happened to the people named in it. We also anticipate reviewing other specific allegations of targeting and/or harassment of lawyers, journalists, and advocates, and evaluate whether CBP's actions complied with law and policy.

We would welcome the opportunity to brief your office when our final report is complete. In the meantime, should you have any questions, please call me, or your staff may contact Elva Linares, Legislative Counsel, Office of External Affairs at (202) 981-6000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer L. Costello". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Jennifer L. Costello  
Acting Inspector General



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cc: The Honorable Elizabeth Warren  
The Honorable Richard Blumenthal  
The Honorable Kamala D. Harris

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