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Dear Mr. Page:

On behalf of the STARRS Board of Directors I want to thank you for providing your letter of support of the St. Louis Regional Complex Coordinated Attack grant application. On Thursday, July 13, 2017 the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced that the St. Louis Urban Area has been awarded a total of \$1,474,716 from the FY 2016 Program to Prepare Communities for Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attacks (CCTA) grant program.

The CCTA grant program places focus on a single scenario event, creating a specific goal for regional agencies and will help improve response gap identification, planning, training, and exercise capabilities with the intention of preparing communities for a complex and coordinated attack.

Using CCTA funds, scenario based discussions will be held with local responders and community leaders with the intent to improve the quality and speed in which decisions will be made should a terrorism incident occur anywhere in the region. Bringing together local law enforcement, SWAT, Bomb & Arson, and emergency medical into an integrated response structure is a significant component of our proposed program.

Another objective will include developing a broader recognition of the St. Louis Regional Fusion Center Terrorism Early Warning Group and its role as a prevention, protection, and response resource. CCTA grant funds will also provide training to front line responders, critical infrastructure members, dispatch centers, and the broader community on how to provide information quickly so decisions about terrorist activities can be addressed. Additional covered objectives in the region's grant application includes coordinating force protection during a response and improving policy/command & control decision making.

Thanks again, we appreciate your help and support on this important St. Louis regional grant opportunity. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like more information regarding this regional grant funding opportunity.

Sincerely,

Nick Gragnani, Executive Director

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