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The Honorable David Dreier
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*David,
Jim is very
talented.
Jeff*

Re: California Director of Homeland Security

Dear David:

I have known James J. Wedick for many years and can say with certainty that he is one of the most talented agents in the FBI. During the period he was working on the historic public corruption probe of the California State Legislature, he came to Mobile to assist us in several important and complex white color crime cases. He worked closely with former FBI agent Jack Brennan, who I hired to be my chief investigator in the Office of the Attorney General of Alabama, where he continues to serve under Attorney General Bill Pryor. Jim worked under Assistant United States Attorney Ginny Granade who I was proud to support and President Bush appointed a federal judge. He also worked closely with Federal Judge David Levi of California who was then the United States Attorney in Sacramento who handled the prosecution in the state legislative probe. Jim is quick, decisive and highly intelligent. He has broad experience in a wide range of matters and, as an FBI supervisor, in recent years he has spent a considerable amount of time working on terrorism matters.

As an example of his talent and capability, he organized three initiatives to deal with fraud against California's \$25 billion Medicaid program. Those three initiatives resulted in, I understand, more than 315 medical providers being prosecuted for frauds involving \$227 million from the system. Trust me, these kinds of cases are not easily done and very few agents have the ability to make them happen. Jim Wedick is that kind of person. He can see the big picture, and understand the details and the legal requirements, and can lead the large number of people necessary to make the plan successful. In a case like this, Jim would have had to work with the head of California Medicaid, the United States Attorney, the FBI, and a host of other federal and state agencies.

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David, I have dictated this letter personally as I know Jim Wedick personally. You can verify his capabilities by contacting Judges David Levi, Ginny Granade, or Chief Investigator Jack Brennan. I believe that he has the ability to be a great asset to the Schwarzenegger team.

I know my good neighbor has been busy with all the important House issues so I am extremely impressed that you have now found time to be such a big asset to Governor Schwarzenegger. You helped him get elected, and it was very important.; Assisting him in putting together a first rate team will determine, in large part, his ultimate success. Thanks for all you do.

Very truly yours,



Jeff Sessions
United States Senator

JS:ph