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The Honorable David Dreier  
Governor-Elect Schwarzenegger's  
Transition Team  
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RE: Director, California's Homeland Security

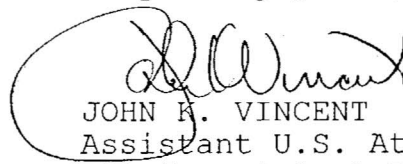
Dear Congressman Dreier:

I write to recommend James J. Wedick, Jr. for the position of Director, California's Homeland Security. In the almost eighteen years I have been a federal prosecutor, I have served as the Interim United States Attorney and First Assistant United States Attorney. For nearly ten years, I worked hand-in-glove with Mr. Wedick during the prosecution of various political corruption cases, so I have extensive personal knowledge of his abilities and character.

I can say without question that Mr. Wedick is smart, hard-working, persistent, organized, efficient, and responsible. He works well with others to form an effective team. He has excellent judgment, and he is a person of impeccable integrity. In addition, he has excellent supervisory abilities. For the past several years, he has actively supervised a white collar crimes squad which has been one of the most effective in the nation in combating health care fraud. He has brought great credit to himself and the FBI throughout his career.

I am pleased to recommend him without reservation. I have no doubt he will do an excellent job as Director of California's Homeland Security.

Very truly yours,



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