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GFIPM, Chair
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Dear Mr. Ruegg,

A key component of the National Drug Control Strategy is the collection and dissemination of law enforcement information. The Criminal Information Sharing Alliance (CISA) supports the National Drug Control Strategy by improving the collection, use and sharing of criminal intelligence and investigative information among federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies.

CISA operates and maintains the Criminal Information Sharing Alliance network (CISAnet). CISAnet was established to share criminal intelligence and investigative information within and across the states of Alabama, Arizona, California, Georgia, Idaho, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas, the El Paso Intelligence Center and the six Regional Information Sharing Systems (the "Participants").

CISA has signed Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) with each of the Participants to share criminal investigative, intelligence, history and other information maintained within the Participants' law enforcement databases. The MOUs allow CISA to register subscribers from each of the Participants for the purpose of providing law enforcement information resources.

CISA and its participating agencies complement the U.S. Department of Justice's Global Federated Identity and Privilege Management (GFIPM) initiative, the National Information Exchange Federation (NIEF) and the GFIPM Governance Guidelines. Each of these organizations has a similar objective of "providing a security framework for securely connecting justice and public safety personnel to interagency applications and data over the Internet". CISA's MOUs further state that CISA, acting on behalf of the coalition, shall partner with other national, federal, state and local agencies that possess similar law enforcement information sharing objectives.

Therefore, on behalf of CISA and its ten participating states, I request that CISA be allowed to participate as a member of the Federation and its governance structure. CISA intends to participate both as an Identity Provider and Service Provider. Should you have any questions, please direct them to the undersigned at (916) 932-2424.

Sincerely,

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