



July 28, 2004

Dear Advisory Committee Applicant:

Thank you for submitting your application to the Data Integrity, Privacy, and Interoperability Advisory Committee at the Department of Homeland Security. We received many excellent applications for the Committee and the evaluation process is ongoing. Please let me assure you that your package is included for consideration.

As you know, this Committee will advise Secretary Tom Ridge and the Privacy Office on programmatic, policy, operational, administrative, and technological issues within DHS that affect individual privacy, including data integrity and interoperability. The Committee will be composed of at least twelve members, likely more, who are specifically qualified to serve based on their education, training and experience.

We anticipate that recommendations for consideration will be submitted to the Office of the Secretary in August 2004. Appointments are expected soon thereafter, and chosen candidates will be notified.

Any future correspondence should be directed to Rebecca Richards, Executive Secretariat for the Privacy Committee. Becky is Director of Privacy Compliance in the Privacy Office and can be reached by phone at 202-772-9848 or on email at rebecca.richards@dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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