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Dear Chief Kirkpatrick:

I write to thank you and your Department for your continued support of federal law enforcement in conjunction with criminal investigations. Stamping out violent crime in our communities can only be achieved through coordinated efforts among federal, state, and local law enforcement authorities. In particular, city police departments such as the Oakland Police Department significantly enhance the safety of the public and of law enforcement officers when they provide visible and meaningful support to federal law enforcement agencies who are engaged in both overt and covert criminal investigative activities.

That was the case on August 16, 2017 when the Oakland Police Department provided support to the Department of Homeland Security Homeland Security Investigations who were on that day conducting a criminal investigation into potential federal criminal violations. In connection with that operation, the Oakland Police Department pursued the twin goals of advancing a criminal investigation and ensuring public and law enforcement safety.

I understand that there may be some public confusion surrounding the circumstances of the law enforcement operation that day. Accordingly, you are welcome to share this letter to the extent you believe it is useful in order to clarify the nature of the law enforcement activity on August 16, 2017.

Thank you for your continued service to Oakland and to the Northern District of California.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian J. Stretch".

BRIAN J. STRETCH
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