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Steven M. Crawford, Chief of Staff  
Governor Edward G. Rendell  
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Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Mr. Crawford:

Thank you for your letter providing additional perspective on the contract hearing the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee held on Monday.

It is understandable that you find the communications breakdown in a critical area to be troubling, as the members of the committee certainly did. To the viewing public, the presentations must have been discouraging, considering the time and resources Pennsylvania is devoting to enhancing security.

As you realized from following the hearing, the public is highly skeptical that changes are forthcoming. Both the executive and legislative branches have an obligation to exercise oversight and to produce results.

The information we have received to date dictates that another public hearing will be necessary. Given your role in heading the internal Administration task force investigating this matter, you should have the opportunity to report on the progress of your inquiry, to detail any changes in personnel or agency functions deemed necessary, and to outline recommendations for improving cooperation between key state agencies.

Our intention is to hold this hearing on October 13<sup>th</sup>, which affords some time for your review and the development of solutions.

Your continuing cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Baker".

Lisa Baker  
Senator

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