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ASSISTANT SECRETARY

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The Honorable Steve Cohen
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Cohen:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Department of the Treasury's regulations that govern the listing and delisting of individuals and entities considered to be supporters of terrorism.

Treasury has a robust listing and delisting process, which is rigorously applied to all administrative actions. We regularly evaluate the procedures in place, including those referenced in your letter, such as the provision of notice to the listed party, the blocking of assets, and the need for legally sufficient evidentiary memoranda.

This process is actively and effectively exercised by listed individuals – since 2006, we have removed more than 1,000 names from the Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons (SDN) list upon credible and verifiable demonstrations by the people listed that they no longer meet the criteria for which they were originally listed. Treasury remains committed to implementing a process that is both legal and fair; that all listings, across all Treasury-administered sanctions programs, are and remain appropriate; and that listed persons are afforded every opportunity to seek removal from the SDN List.

We welcome and appreciate your attention to these processes, and will take your suggestions under consideration as we work to ensure that our regulations are fully and fairly implemented.

Sincerely,

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