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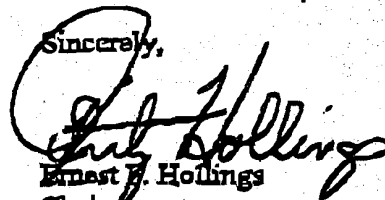
Dear Governor Ridge:

As Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, I am requesting your appearance at a hearing on homeland security. The purpose of the hearing is to review proposals of the Office of Homeland Security for the FY 2003 budget for the agencies and programs funded under the CJS Appropriations bill.

As you know, this Subcommittee is responsible for funding a number of agencies directly involved in homeland security, including the Office of Domestic Preparedness, the Federal Bureau of Investigations, and the Immigration and Naturalization Service. We understand that the Office of Homeland Security is interested in drastically altering some of these accounts, such as shifting the Office of Domestic Preparedness from the Department of Justice to the Federal Emergency Management Administration and merging the Border Patrol and other law enforcement functions of the Immigration and Naturalization Service with the U.S. Customs Service. Your testimony before this Subcommittee regarding such changes is essential as the appropriations process begins to move forward.

Should you or your staff have any questions or concerns about the hearing, please feel free to contact Jill Shapiro Long at 202-224-9073.

Sincerely,



Ernest F. Hollings
 Chairman

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