

February 9, 2017

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Dear Ms. Clark,

Today I wrote to Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Kelly about my concerns that President Trump's hastily-written and vague executive order on "Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Efforts" – a.k.a., the border wall – will require the DHS Secretary to divert resources from critical DHS priorities, hampering your agency's ability to carry out its mission and keep our country safe.

You are currently Acting Assistant Secretary of the DHS office responsible for outreach efforts with state and local governments, and I am writing to you because I am specifically concerned about the impact of this executive order on homeland security and homeland security workers in Massachusetts.

DHS has five critical responsibilities: terrorism prevention; border security; immigration enforcement; cybersecurity; and disaster preparedness and recovery.<sup>1</sup> President Trump's executive order does not increase funding to pay for the wall; instead, it appears to require that some portion of funds that are allocated for other purposes instead be used for the wall. I am concerned that this could mean reducing the number of DHS employees in Massachusetts, or reducing their salaries, or cutting funds appropriated for DHS state and local partnership programs in Massachusetts, including those that support screening teams to secure our airports, training in computer forensics to fight cyber crime, and emergency preparedness and response in local communities.

To address these concerns, I ask that you respond to these questions no later than February 23, 2017.

- 1) Did Trump Administration officials consult with your office to determine the impact of the Executive Order on state and local homeland security efforts?

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<sup>1</sup> Department of Homeland Security Website, Our Mission (viewed Jan. 31, 2016) online at: <https://www.dhs.gov/our-mission>.

- 2) As a result of the Executive Order, will any of the funds allocated for DHS activities or staff (such as airport security) in Massachusetts be cut or eliminated?
  - a. If so, by how much would these funds be cut?
  - b. What specific program areas would be cut?
  - c. What would be the impact of these cuts?
  
- 3) As a result of the Executive Order, will any of the funds allocated for DHS state and local partnerships in Massachusetts be cut or eliminated?
  - a. If so, by how much would these funds be cut or eliminated?
  - b. What specific partnerships would be cut or eliminated?
  - c. What communities would be impacted by these cuts?
  
- 4) As a result of the Executive Order, will any of the DHS funds allocated for disaster preparedness and recovery in Massachusetts be cut or eliminated?
  - a. If so, by how much would these funds be cut or eliminated?
  - b. What specific disaster preparedness and recovery programs would be cut or eliminated?
  - c. What communities would be impacted by these cuts?

I have enclosed a copy of my letter to Secretary Kelly which discussed my concerns in additional detail. I look forward to your prompt response to my questions.

Sincerely,



Senator Elizabeth Warren