



# Homeland Security

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Dear Dr. Mumford:

Thank you for your recent letter expressing support of the Homeland Security Science and Technology Advisory Committee. I am pleased that the Congress reauthorized the Committee, and I agree with you that a well-balanced interdisciplinary Committee can once again play an invaluable role by providing external expertise relevant to the restructured Science and Technology Directorate.

As you know, the Committee brings together a wealth of distinguished scientists, engineers, medical researchers, first responders, industrial and academic leaders, former government officials, and other citizens to provide expertise and experience relevant to the full breadth of the Department's science and technology enterprise. I am pleased to have the continued benefit of their advice and counsel.

I am in the process of amending the Committee's charter to reflect the revised termination date, and I anticipate the Committee being operational again in early 2007.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jay M. Cohen".

Jay M. Cohen  
Under Secretary for Science and Technology