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KATHRYN BARGER
SUPERVISOR, FIFTH DISTRICT

April 27, 2021

Carlos C. Martel
Director of Field Operations
United States Customs and Border Protection
Los Angeles Field Office
1 World Trade Center, Suite 741
Long Beach, CA 90831

Dear Director Martel,

The Fifth District encompasses the area of Los Angeles County particularly vulnerable to fire danger, the Los Angeles National Forest and Los Padres National Forest. As COVID-19 restrictions have continued to lift, our district has seen a significant increase in illegal firework use. Our office shares the concern of our constituents of the significant fire danger this poses, particularly in consideration of the illegal firework explosion that occurred in a home in Ontario, California on March 16, 2021.

We believe your office is in a unique position to assist in this matter as we believe much of the illegal fireworks are coming into our area through the ports or over the U.S.-Mexico border. Our office would like to request your officers at the ports and border be made aware of our request when conducting routine inspection of port shipments and vehicles during border crossing.

We appreciate and value the substantial responsibility your Agency has in the protection of our ports and border. We hope you consider asking your officers to heighten their awareness in the identification of illegal and commercial fireworks, especially in consideration of the upcoming fire season.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathryn Barger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kathryn" being more prominent than the last name "Barger".

KATHRYN BARGER
Supervisor, Fifth District

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Monique Villegas
Special Agent In-Charge
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
Los Angeles Field Office
550 North Brand Boulevard, Suite 800
Glendale, CA 91203

Dear Ms. Villegas,

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We believe your office is in a unique position to assist in this matter as we believe much of the illegal fireworks are coming into our area are commercial grade. Our office would like to request that your Special Agents consider this potential threat in anticipation of the summer months, while conducting their regular investigations.

We appreciate and value the substantial responsibility your Agency has in the investigation and arrest of criminals involved in the federal violation of alcohol, tobacco, and firearms. We hope you consider asking your Special Agents to heighten their awareness in the identification of illegal and commercial fireworks, especially in consideration of the upcoming fire season.

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Pete Flores
Director of Field Operations
United States Customs and Border Protection
San Diego Field Office
3835 N. Harbor Drive
Terminal 2 West
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Director Flores,

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