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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Subject: OSC File No. MA-16-2104

Dear Mr. MacLean,

I write to thank you for your public service. During your time in federal service, you have demonstrated your commitment to protecting the American public, and for that you are a true patriot. In particular, you have brought to my office numerous disclosures of wrongdoing. Currently, we have two referrals to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security pending, covering three critical issues: the security of flight decks (with a lack of outward facing doors and secondary barriers); the inadequate measures currently in place to protect against opioid attacks on airplanes; and the security risks that come with exempting religious food trucks from airport inspections.

You brought these serious concerns to my office because of your commitment to the safety of the American people, undeterred by the whistleblower retaliation you experienced with your 2006 removal, which was ultimately remedied following your seminal victory in the U.S. Supreme Court. We greatly appreciate that, despite the reprisal you suffered, you came forward with these important disclosures. We look forward to our continued work with you on these matters.

I understand that you wish to take your prohibited personnel practice case to the Merit Systems Protection Board. I am sorry for the hardship that you have endured. As you know, my office worked diligently to obtain a favorable outcome for you. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "H. J. Kerner".

Henry J. Kerner
Special Counsel