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November 18, 2003

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
Attn: Appointments
California State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: **Recommendation for Jim Wedick**
Director, California's Homeland Security

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger and Transition Team members:

I would like to recommend James J. Wedick, Jr. for the position of Director of California's Homeland Security or for *any* position in your administration.

Jim Wedick comes highly recommended from coworkers who I know well. They vouch for his ability, resourcefulness, intelligence, and work ethic, including United States Senator Jeff Sessions who sits on the U.S. Senate's Judiciary Committee. Jim's exemplary initiative and drive have enabled him to develop some of the most complex and important cases prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of California in the last decade.

In addition to supervising agents on complex cases, Mr. Wedick has substantial management experience at the FBI. As a senior manager, he regularly assumes the responsibilities of the agents in charge of the office. He is an outstanding professional who possesses the highest level of integrity needed for this position.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any additional information about Jim Wedick. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rico Oller".

RICO OLLER
Senator, First District