March 6, 2007

Office of the Chief Counsel
Immigration and Customs Enforcement
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
970 Broad Street, Room 1104B
Newark, New Jersey 07102
Attn: Special Agent Mark Kelly

RE: The Town of Morristown, NJ
Section 287(g) of the Immigration and Naturalization Act (INA)

To whom it may concern:

This office represents the Town of Morristown located in Morris County, New Jersey. Enclosed herewith via U.S. Mail is an original letter from Mayor Donald Crestello for submission through your office to Assistant Secretary Julie Myers to request participation in the 287(g) Delegation of Authority Program. A copy of the enclosure and this request are also being submitted via E-mail.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

Steve Munnion
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cc: Hon. Donald Cresitello, Mayor of Monistown
Jonathan L. Williams, Esq.
Ronald H. Gordon, Esq.
February 28, 2007

Ms. Julie Myers
Assistant Secretary
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
425 I Street NW Room 7000
Washington, D.C. 20536

Dear Assistant Secretary Myers:

I am writing on behalf of the Town of Morristown, located in Morris County, New Jersey to request participation in the Delegation of Authority Program in accordance with Section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. This partnership will better enable us to meet the needs of the residents of Morristown.

I am proposing the following:

- Participating Morristown law enforcement officers exercise ICE authority, under the supervision of ICE officers, in the course of performing their regular patrol, investigative, and detention duties within Morristown;
- ICE provide instructors at no cost to Morristown to train ten (10) Morristown law enforcement officers, each with a minimum of two (2) years law enforcement experience, who have passed a security background check acceptable to ICE;
- Morristown provide a room for the five-week training program at our municipal building where ICE's instructors can utilize computer training aids, videos and any other materials they may need for the instruction.

This partnership will allow us to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding that will enable Morristown to participate with ICE in identifying criminal illegal aliens who pose a risk to the residents of Morristown. I look forward to your speedy endorsement of this request and moving forward with Morristown's participation in this program for the benefit of all.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Donald Crestello

Co: Michael P. Rogers, Business Administrator
Steve Mannion, Esq.
RE: 287(g) Delegation of Authority Implementation Plan

Dear Mayor Cresitello,

Thank you for your continued interest in the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) 287(g) program, which cross-designates state and local officers to enforce immigration law as authorized through section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. In the past two years, the 287(g) program has identified more than 27,000 illegal aliens for possible deportation. More than 70 municipal, county, and state agencies nationwide have requested 287(g) agreements with ICE, and already, more than 500 local and state officers have been trained under the program. I thank you for submitting your 287(g) request with ICE, unfortunately, funding for FY 2007 has been exhausted.

In response to the continued widespread interest from local law enforcement agencies like yours, ICE has launched the new comprehensive ICE ACCESS (Agreements of Cooperation in Communities to Enhance Safety and Security) program. The 287(g) program is only one component under the ICE ACCESS umbrella of services and programs offered for assistance to local law enforcement officers. Other ICE ACCESS enforcement options include the creation of local task forces targeting specific challenges like gangs or document fraud, the presence of a Criminal Alien Program (CAP) team in local detention facilities to identify criminal aliens, or training to utilize the ICE Law Enforcement Support Center (LESC), which provides officers the ability to inquire about a person's immigration and criminal history.

We will continue to assess your pending 287(g) application as more resources are made available in FY 2008, however through our new ACCESS program, I believe we may be able to identify an enforcement program that would better serve your community’s needs. At my direction, senior field representatives from the Office of Investigations and the Office of Detention and Removal will visit with you soon to discuss ICE ACCESS and to assess your particular local needs beyond what we already plan to accomplish through the 287(g) program. I believe these strategic discussions will facilitate a strong partnership between your agency and ICE. Combining federal, state and local resources has proven successful in safeguarding
the public. We want to build on that success in responding to the law enforcement communities who seek ICE assistance.

Sincerely,

Julie L. Myers
Assistant Secretary