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United States Marshals Service

Office of Congressional and Public Affairs

Washington, DC 20530-0001

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The Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton
Member, U.S. House of Representatives
2136 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Norton:

Thank you for your letter dated November 3, 2017, regarding the eviction of a business and the protection of sensitive tax documents. The United States Marshals Service (USMS) takes privacy protection seriously and shares your concerns related to the protection of sensitive information. Therefore, in response to this incident, United States Marshal Michael Hughes has directed a full internal review of our eviction policies and procedures to address this issue.

As you know, the USMS is uniquely tasked within the District of Columbia Superior Court to execute Writs of Restitution (eviction) issued by the District's Superior Court judges. In other jurisdictions, this responsibility generally falls under the local sheriff's office or other law enforcement agency. As a result, Deputy U.S. Marshals assigned to DC Superior Court serve in distinctly different capacities from those in the 94 federal judicial districts nationwide.

Again, the USMS shares your concerns about protecting sensitive tax information. Once this review is completed, USMS will be pleased to update you on its findings.

Sincerely,

William Delaney
Chief