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TO: To Whom It May Concern

FROM: Dr. Michael S. Vaughn, Professor

RE: Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE)

The Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE) is a law enforcement executive exchange program at Georgia State University's Andrew Young School of Policy Studies that works to help police leaders in the United States and Israel to have a better understanding of how each responds to disorder, crime, and terrorism. GILEE also regularly provides public briefings to law enforcement agencies and corporate security personnel on crime, emergency preparedness, and international developments relating to global security.

Moreover, to learn policing practices and techniques in an ever evolving, complex, and violent world, GILEE facilitates delegations of law enforcement executives from the United States to visit Israel and delegations of law enforcement officials from Israel to visit the United States. In addition to the relationship with Israel that got GILEE started, it has relations with law enforcement agencies in more than 25 countries and more than 25 states.

Law enforcement personnel in the U.S. who have participated in GILEE are the most ardent supporters of the program; they recognize the benefits of such international scholarly and practical exchange. Likewise, Israeli officers who visit the U.S. return to Israel with American practices that seek to foster better police-community relationships.

GILEE fulfills GSU's mission of community outreach by creating strong partnerships with the law enforcement and business communities as well as with civil society and professional associations and, therefore, I see no reason for Georgia State University to disassociate itself from GILEE. GILEE represents the idea that cross-cultural exchange between law enforcement executives from different and diverse countries can be beneficial to police participation in a democracy, which fits within the mission of an urban research university such as Georgia State University.