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The Honorable Paul Tonko
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Tonko:

This responds to your letter, dated January 31, 2022, to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), regarding the tragic motor vehicle accident that claimed the lives of twenty people in New York on October 6, 2018.

The FBI's use of Confidential Human Sources (CHS) is an essential law enforcement function that significantly enhances the FBI's ability to detect and disrupt criminal actors and national security threats. The FBI's use of CHS is governed by both the *Attorney General's Guidelines for Domestic FBI Operations* and the FBI's *Domestic Investigations and Operations Guide*, in coordination with the Department of Justice and the United States Attorneys' offices. Further information on those guidelines can be found at: <https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/oip/legacy/2014/07/23/ag-guidelines-use-of-fbi-chs.pdf>. The FBI must protect the integrity of the CHS program, which includes protecting the safety and privacy of CHS. Therefore, the FBI does not comment on, confirm, or deny the existence of current or past relationships with confidential human sources.

Thank you for your support of the FBI, its mission, and its people.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jill C. Tyson", is positioned above the typed name.

Jill C. Tyson
Assistant Director