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Secretary Jeh Johnson  
Department of Homeland Security  
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Dear Secretary Johnson:

It has recently come to my attention that in September, Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) Agents encountered and detained two Pakistani nationals, one of whom was listed in the Terrorist Screening Database (TSDB) due to associations with a known or suspected terrorist. The other was a positive match for derogatory information in an alternate database.

Given the current threat environment, and the information I have reviewed about the two Pakistani nationals detained by CBP, I am seeking answers to the following questions:

- Over the last three years, how many individuals detained by CBP have been watchlisted on the TSDB, or have been the subject of a Terrorist Watchlist Alert?
- How many of those individuals were released, deported or remain in custody?
- Does DHS have estimates of how many illegal immigrants are currently in our country that are also watchlisted on the TSDB?

It is routinely said there is no “specific and credible information about an attack on the homeland.” Despite this assertion, the Southern land border remains vulnerable to intrusion and exists as a point of extreme vulnerability. And evidently there are criminal organizations and individuals with the networks and knowhow to facilitate illegal entry into the United States without regard for one’s intentions or status on a terrorist watchlist. The detention of the two Pakistani nationals underscores the fact that any serious effort to secure our homeland must include effective border security and immigration enforcement.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and I look forward to your immediate response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Duncan Hunter", written over a large blue oval scribble.

Duncan Hunter  
Member of Congress