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Tiina Astola
Director General, Justice and Consumers
European Commission, Directorate for Justice and Consumers
Montoyer 59
Bruxelles, Belgium 1040

Re Executive Order "Enhancing Public Safety in the Interior of the United States"

Dear Ms Astola:

Thank you for your letter of February 7, 2017, concerning Section 14 of the President's January 25, 2017 Executive Order, entitled "Enhancing Public Safety in the Interior of the United States." Your letter seeks further clarification regarding the possible effect of Section 14 on transfers of personal data under the EU-U.S. Privacy Shield ("Privacy Shield") and the U.S.-EU Data Privacy and Protection Agreement ("DPPA").

As you know, the United States has implemented the DPPA by enacting the Judicial Redress Act of 2015. Section 14 of the Executive Order does not affect the privacy rights extended by the Judicial Redress Act to Europeans. Nor does Section 14 affect the commitments the United States has made under the DPPA or the Privacy Shield.

The United States Government looks forward to working closely with the Commission in the weeks and months ahead to protect the privacy and the security of citizens of the United States and the European Union.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bruce C. Swartz", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Bruce C. Swartz
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
and DOJ Counselor for International Affairs