



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

March 7, 2025

The Honorable Elizabeth Warren
Ranking Member
Committee on Banking, Housing,
and Urban Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Ranking Member Warren:

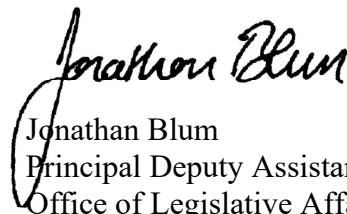
Thank you for your February 13, 2025 letter regarding the Terrorism and Financial Intelligence (TFI) staff. We agree that the valuable work that TFI does to keep us safe as a country.

In accordance with OPM and OMB guidance, on January 20, 2025, Treasury, instituted a hiring freeze across the Department, to include TFI. Treasury rescinded all job offers for persons that did not have an onboarding date or were scheduled to start after February 8, 2025.¹ Treasury has issued further guidance to bureau human resources officers regarding this OPM guidance. For information that OPM communicated to Treasury, and their responses to Treasury requests, we would defer to OPM.

Treasury has begun working through a process to utilize the national security exemption for employees in TFI, and other national security functions within the department, where appropriate. Additionally, where a clear exemption from the hiring freeze exists, Treasury has begun a deliberate process of assessing continued interest by candidates to pursue job opportunities within Treasury.

If you have further questions, please direct your staff to contact the Office of Legislative Affairs.

Sincerely,



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Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary
Office of Legislative Affairs

Identical letter sent to:
The Honorable Andy Kim
The Honorable Mark Warner

¹ See <https://chcoc.gov/sites/default/files/OMB-OPM%20Federal%20Civilian%20Hiring%20Freeze%20Guidance%201-20-2025%20FINAL.pdf>