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Dear Mr. Johnson:

If confirmed as the Secretary of Homeland Security, you would be responsible for ensuring that our homeland is protected from those that wish to do us harm. In this regard, one of the most difficult challenges confronting the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is securing our borders and preventing illegal entry.

As I indicated during our private meeting and during your confirmation hearing yesterday, Congress has an important role helping to make sure that DHS accomplishes this mission. And, it counts on cooperation by DHS to further its constitutional oversight prerogative. Unfortunately, in connection with the Senate's effort to craft legislation to help secure our borders, I have been frustrated by your predecessor's obdurate refusal to provide important, relevant information. With that in mind, I am requesting prior to the vote on your nomination to lead DHS, this question: if confirmed, would you agree to provide me with the information I requested then-Secretary Napolitano in the attached letter?

Thank you for your timely, clear and forthright response to this question.

Sincerely,



John McCain  
United States Senator