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RE: OMB Control Number 1615-0009

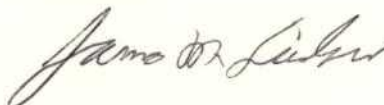
Dear Mr. Tarragon,

I am writing on behalf of Duke University in response to the February 8, 2010 Federal Register notice concerning the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services' (USCIS) proposal to add a "Deemed Export Acknowledgement" question to the Form I-129.

As a former member of the U.S. Department of Commerce's Deemed Export Advisory Committee (DEAC) and as the chief research officer at Duke, I believe the impact of the proposal on national security will be minimal and inversely proportional to the burden that will be placed on the university employees.

Under separate cover, the Association of American Universities (AAU) and Council on Governmental Relations (COGR) have provided you with comments on this proposal. Duke closely associates itself with that document, and I urge you to seriously consider their recommendations.

Sincerely,



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