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**ZOE LOFGREN**  
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Secretary Jeh Johnson  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
Washington, DC 20528

Dear Secretary Johnson:

I am writing to express my concern with news reports that an ICE Agent located in the Boston Field Office enlisted local law enforcement to pressure the Kilton Public Library in Lebanon, New Hampshire to disable its Tor relay.

The Tor network is a product of research performed at the United States Naval Research Laboratory and DARPA, and is used by journalists, activists, dissidents, intelligence sources, and other privacy concerned individuals to keep their web browsing activity private. The current version of the network still receives significant funding through government grants.

While the Kilton Public Library's board ultimately voted to restore their Tor relay, I am no less disturbed by the possibility that DHS employees are pressuring or persuading public and private entities to discontinue or degrade services that protect the privacy and anonymity of U.S. citizens.

I request that the agency provide answers to the following questions:

- Was this interference with the Kilton Public Library' offering of privacy protection services the result of a DHS policy to persuade public or private entities from offering such services, or was this the result of an agent acting independently without authorization?
- If this was the result of an agent acting independently, what steps is DHS taking to ensure that in the future agents do not interfere with privacy protection services being offered to the public?
- Are there other instances where a DHS employee has been involved in pressuring or persuading other public or private entities to either stop offering privacy or anonymity services or to reduce the effectiveness of those services?

- Please submit to my office copies of any DHS policy, guidance, or memo that discusses either deterring or supporting the use of privacy protection services by public entities, private entities, or individuals.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and I look forward to a prompt response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Zoe Lofgren", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Zoe Lofgren  
Member of Congress