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Hon. Janet Napolitano
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Dear Secretary Napolitano,

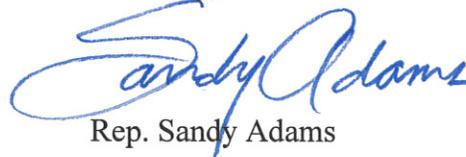
I write to you today to ask for your assistance in clarifying one aspect of Department of Homeland Security policy as it relates to the "IS-907- Active Shooter: What You Can Do" training course for DHS employees and the pocket card distributed in May as official guidance for how to respond in an Active Shooter situation.

I have received recent reports that U.S. Customs and Border Patrol agents are included in the category of employees who are required to follow the guidance on the pocket card to take action, "As a last resort and only when your life is in imminent danger; Attempt to incapacitate the shooter; Act with physical aggression and throw items at the active shooter."

As a former law enforcement officer, I have grave concerns with this policy. Would you please advise me as to: 1) Whether the Active Shooter Pocket Card guidance applies to only civilian employees of DHS or to all DHS employees including law enforcement personnel; and 2) Whether or not a CBP or other law enforcement officer under the umbrella of DHS would be disciplined for protecting the public by taking down a gunman in a hostile situation as a result of this guidance?

Thank you for your consideration and prompt reply. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,


Rep. Sandy Adams