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Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking*

Washington, D.C. 20531

September 19, 2013

The Honorable Brian Sandoval  
Governor of Nevada  
Capitol Building  
Carson City, NV 89701

Dear Governor Sandoval:

On May 10, 2011, the United States Department of Justice's Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART) notified you of its determination that Nevada had substantially implemented the provisions of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA), Title I of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006. As part of our annual implementation assurance review, on April 17, 2013, the SMART Office requested that you provide any information regarding Nevada's substantial implementation of SORNA that may have changed since July 27, 2012. In the event that your state had not adopted any changes relevant to its substantial implementation status, the SMART Office requested that you certify that fact in a letter back to our office.

On July 11, 2013, Julie Butler, Administrator, Department of Public Safety, sent correspondence to the SMART Office in which she described certain changes in case law and legislation which impact Nevada's sex offender and registration program. In particular, she described the ongoing impact of pending litigation and a number of amendments to Nevada's Code, including provisions which specifically criminalize sex trafficking and require registration for persons convicted of the offense.

Based on the information provided in your July 11, 2013 response, the SMART Office has determined that Nevada continues to substantially implement SORNA. We encourage Nevada to continue to work with SMART office personnel to maintain Nevada's status as having substantially implemented SORNA, and to address any outstanding areas in which your state may deviate from SORNA.

Should you have any questions concerning your territory and SORNA implementation, please send inquiries to Lori McPherson, Senior Policy Advisor, at (202) 353-3591. We look forward to continuing to collaborate with you as we work together protect this nation's citizens.

Sincerely,

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