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## NSHEAB Members,

Over the last two years, the FBI restructured and focused its external engagement strategy with the private sector and academia in an effort to speak with one voice and align the bureau's priorities across the enterprise. With this change, several of the FBI's most significant and established outreach programs became the foundation for the new Office of Private Sector division. In the process, the FBI also chose to suspend some specialized programs, including the National Security Higher Education Advisory Board, and create new strategic partnerships.

Currently, OPS is exploring and evaluating mutually-beneficial academic engagement opportunities and the potential initiation of new advisory groups to partner with the FBI. In the interim, the FBI will continue with its vital academic engagement across all of its field offices based on the changing threat environments identified by our substantive operational divisions,

The FBI will continue to promote engagement through its individual field offices, and those universities and colleges in their respective areas of responsibility. This has always been the case, and is not changing. Additionally, other academic outreach efforts are still continuing, to include such programs as the Cyber Division's Cyber Subcommittee that was initiated as an offshoot of the NSHEAB, and the Weapons of Mass Destruction Directorate's Chemical-Biological Safety Program. The Counterterrorism Division also maintains its Campus Liaison Officer Program.

On behalf of the FBI, thank you for your insights and participation over the years to strengthen the relationship between the U.S. Intelligence, law enforcement, and academia communities. It has been a pleasure having you play a critical role in assisting us in our mission to protect U.S. national security and the American people. We hope to be able to call upon you again in the future for advice and counsel as the FBI continues to pursue meaningful engagements with the private sector.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shannon Rose".

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