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Mayor Eric Garcetti
200 N. Spring Street
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Dear Mayor Garcetti:

On behalf of the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA), I am writing to you in reference to your letter to District Director Susan M. Curda, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, dated February 23, 2017. As the president of the largest non-partisan professional association, representing more than 26,000 federal officers, I take great offense to your misguided assertion that federal agents should not identify themselves as police officers.

How dare you insult the federal agents whose name appear on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC. Their names appear alongside the dedicated police officers, sheriff's deputies, marshals, state troopers, forest rangers, customs officers and immigration agents, and many others, who sacrificed themselves in service to this country. All law enforcement officers are collectively recognized as police. Their widowed spouses and children do not make the distinction between the various police entities when mourning these heroes who died in the line of duty. Many of these brave men and women's last word was identifying themselves as "police" just before being fatally wounded by an assailant.

FLEOA would like to remind you that federal agents were protecting American citizens long before your city and state became part of the United States. Federal agents routinely enforce the same laws that members of the Los Angeles Police Department enforce. In fact, when one of your police officers is in jeopardy he or she will not care about the distinction of agency when they hear their backup shout "police" to identify themselves.

It is well documented that America would be safer if you and your counterparts enforced the laws of the United States. Only illegal immigrants should be ill at ease interacting with Immigration and Customs Enforcement or Homeland Security Investigations agents.

Respectfully,

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