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Transportation Security Administration

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Ms. Laura Rotolo ACLU of Massachusetts 211 Congress Street Boston, MA 02110

Re: TSA10-0780A

Dear Ms. Rotolo:

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has received your letter appealing **TSA10-0780**. On behalf of the Special Counselor, we acknowledge your appeal request and assigning it number **TSA11-0780A** for tracking purposes. Please reference this number in any future communications about your appeal.

A high number of appeals and requests have been received by TSA. Accordingly, we have adopted the court-sanctioned practice of generally handling backlogged appeals on a first-in, first-out basis.<sup>1</sup> While we will make every effort to process your appeal in a timely manner, there may be some delay in resolving this matter. Should you have any questions concerning the processing of your appeal, please contact the TSA FOIA Office at (571) 227-2300, or tsa.foia@dhs.gov.

Sincerel Yvonne L. Coates Director, Freedom of Information Act Office Office of the Special Counselor Transportation Security Administration

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Appeals of expedited treatment denials will be handled on an expedited basis.