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The Honorable Saxby Chambliss
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Chambliss:

This responds to your letter to the Attorney General dated June 6, 2012, regarding reports of a hoax activity called "SWAT-ting." Please be assured that we share your concern about this dangerous practice.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and its law enforcement partners at the state and local level are currently working with providers on internet and telephonic communication services to address this problem. The FBI investigates some instances of SWAT-ting directly, although to date, the majority of cases have been investigated by state and local authorities.

As with all criminal matters, investigative and prosecutorial decisions are based on the unique facts and circumstances of each case. We also would be pleased to work with Congress to determine whether existing criminal authorities are adequate to address this problem.

We hope this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may provide additional assistance regarding this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Judith C. Appelbaum".

Judith C. Appelbaum
Acting Assistant Attorney General