



**Homeland
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Clarissa Rucker
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Dear Clarissa,

On behalf of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), please accept my sincere gratitude for your outstanding service and commitment throughout the 2026 FIFA World Cup tournament. Your contributions as a detailee to the DHS-led Special Events Coordination Center (SECC) were greatly appreciated, helped keep the nation safe, and supported my responsibilities as the Senior Coordinating Official for DHS.

Your work at the SECC played a central part in enabling the U.S. Government to provide for the safety and security of the tournament's participants, spectators, and communities across the nation. Your immediate reach-back to your organization's leadership, reporting, and resources were invaluable. You helped ensure your organization's equities were represented, conveyed real-time developments back to your leadership, contributed your expertise to our interagency effort, and helped us achieve unity of effort in both decision-making and response activities.

Thank you for your vigilance, commitment to excellence, and contributions to the success of the FIFA World Cup tournament. The long hours, adaptability, and teamwork you demonstrated (often under significant pressure) reflect the highest standards of public service. Your efforts have made a lasting impact on our nation's security and exemplified the very best of the Federal Government.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher J. Tomney".

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Thank you for
Your interagency
Teamwork AND
Collaboration. BZ!