The guest speaker for this extremely important subject is Andrew W. Vale, Special Agent in Charge, Albany Division of the FBI. His role at the FBI involves assisting the special agent in charge of the National Security Branch. In this capacity, he provides program management oversight for the Counterterrorism, Counterintelligence and Intelligence Programs. Mr. Vale most recently served as special assistant deputy director at FBI Headquarters in Washington, D.C. before being named as special agent in charge of the FBI’s Albany Division on January 28, 2013.

Mr. Vale began his career as a special agent with the FBI in September 1991. He first reported to the Newark Division, where he investigated terrorism, background and civil rights matters. In October 1998, Mr. Vale was promoted to supervisor of the Joint Terrorism Task Force to oversee domestic and international terrorism investigations.

In November 2001 he transferred to the Domestic Terrorism Operations Unit at the FBI Headquarters and provided program management oversight for all domestic terrorism investigations in the Northeast region of the United States. He was promoted to chief of the unit in August 2003. In January 2005, Mr. Vale was appointed unit chief of the Director’s Research Group, where he reviewed, edited, and approved briefing materials for Director Mueller’s congressional testimony, domestic and international travel and meetings.
Mr. Vale transferred to the Albany Division in August 2006 as the assistant special agent in charge of the National Security Branch. In this capacity, he provided program management oversight for the Counterterrorism, Counterintelligence, and Intelligence programs. Prior to his appointment with the FBI, Mr. Vale spent four years with the Buffalo District of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service as an immigration inspector and immigration detention officer.

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