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## Good morning Ms. Maury,

Thank you for your suggestions concerning the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Violent Criminal Apprehension Program (ViCAP) data collection instrument, the ViCAP Case Submission Form, FD-676. I appreciate the time and consideration you gave reviewing and commenting on our form. ViCAP has a mechanism in place to elicit and capture feedback from authorized users within the ViCAP Web database, available at all times. Additionally, we meet regularly with our National Advisory Board which provides for an open forum to discuss matters of mutual concern, including reporting procedures. Lastly, the 30 and 60 day Notices of Information Collection are published each time we propose a revision to our form. This, of course, is the avenue from which we received your comments.

ViCAP's management staff and Joint Applications Development (JAD) Team met to discuss your recommendations, and in fact, had already decided on making some of the modifications you suggested. However, it is of paramount importance that we consistently use terminology that is meaningful and clear to our respondents, our target audience - law enforcement officer across the nation.

(1) ViCAP accepts the following recommendations concerning the use of contemporary language in the "Lifestyle Characteristics" section:

'Transgender' will be added as selectable response.

'Crossdresser' will be added to 'Transvestite', thus, 'Transvestite/Crossdresser' will be a selectable response.

(2) ViCAP accepts the following recommendation concerning repetitive responses in the "Lifestyle Characteristics" and "Offender Sexual Practices and Preferences" sections:

'Bisexuality,' 'Heterosexuality,' 'Homosexuality,' 'Transexualism,' and 'Transvestitism' will be removed from the "Offender Sexual Practices and Preferences" section.

(3) ViCAP does not accept the recommendation concerning the addition of a separate question to indicate the offender's known sexual orientation and gender identity (heterosexual, gay/lesbian, bisexual, transgender, cisgender). ViCAP is confident that the modifications listed above will bring additional clarity and remove redundancy regarding the victims' and offenders' sexual orientation and gender identity for our respondents.

Again, thank you for your input on behalf of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

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