

November 20, 2017

Mrs. Amy Blasher
Unit Chief
FBI, CJIS Division
Module E-3
1000 Custer Hollow Rd
Clarksburg, WV 26306

Re: Hate Crime Incident Report | OMB Number 1110-0015, 2017-22715

Dear Mrs. Blasher:

As the nation's largest Sikh American civil rights organization, the Sikh Coalition regards the Hate Crime Incident Report as vital to our collective efforts to investigate, prosecute, and prevent hate crimes in the United States.

Between 2013 and 2015, the Sikh Coalition worked with the FBI's Criminal Justice Information Services Division (CJIS) to develop an anti-Sikh hate crime category on the Hate Crime Incident Report. In this context, we also worked with CJIS to develop training materials for law enforcement agencies to strengthen investigations of possible anti-Sikh hate crimes. We cannot overstate the importance of these training materials and have distributed them to hundreds of police departments nationwide.

Hate crime data collection is integral to understanding the magnitude of hate crimes in our nation and allows law enforcement agencies, policymakers, and civil society organizations such as the Sikh Coalition to develop strategies for preventing these crimes. We look forward to continuing our partnership with CJIS to promote accurate hate crime reporting and ensuring that the Hate Crime Incident Report and related training materials continue to be disseminated to law enforcement agencies nationwide.

Respectfully,

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cc: Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs,
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