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**Sent:** Thursday, May 26, 2016 3:06 PM  
**To:** Kunin, Lisa  
**Subject:** Fwd: preclearance

FYI.

Chris Cole  
Secretary, VTrans

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**From:** "Gendron, Maggie (Leahy)" <[Maggie\\_Gendron@leahy.senate.gov](mailto:Maggie_Gendron@leahy.senate.gov)>  
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Please share with the folks you work with, the text is now public and can be found in the Dept. Homeland Security appropriations bill, under general provisions. I think because the bill most likely sits around until this Fall (as other approps bills are voted on) I don't want any opposition to work on getting it stripped out of the bill this summer.

Maggie

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**From:** Cole, Chris [<mailto:Chris.Cole@vermont.gov>]  
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Maggie,

This is terrific news!! Let us know how we can be helpful. We will keep it quiet until we hear from you.

Chris

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**From:** Gendron, Maggie (Leahy) [[mailto:Maggie\\_Gendron@leahy.senate.gov](mailto:Maggie_Gendron@leahy.senate.gov)]  
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**Importance:** High

Brian and Chris – this morning at 10:30 senator leahy marked up the Dept. Homeland Security DHS approps bill. In the appropriation bills underlying text is the preclearance

language needed for the ratification of the agreement. This is the first step – as the senate needs to pass an appropriations package, and then we need to conference in House. Also, while we want to celebrate this news, we also want to be aware that it could be a target in conference. So this may be a circumstance where we push state press, but not national.

I have yet to share with other stakeholders and will do so later today.

I tentatively say, **congrats** to you both on getting closer to making this deal real.

Maggie