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I applaud your efforts in this much needed and long overdue endeavor of providing counter-terrorism training and education through the Homeland Security University system.

I am a 30-year veteran of the United States Marine Corps currently serving as the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

During my career, I have participated in OPERATION DESERT SHIELD and OPERATION DESERT STORM, worked counter-narcotics missions with Joint Task Force 6 along the US-Mexican border, closely worked with multiple Law Enforcement Agencies as the Officer-in-Charge for the Street Cordon during the last Presidential Inauguration, and I'm directly involved with missions supporting OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM.

Throughout the years, when assigned an additional duty requiring additional skills, I have sought any course of instruction that could assist me by enhancing my knowledge in the "security realm." With the onset of the Global War on Terrorism, the desire to learn, and the need to learn new ideas, has increased by leaps and bounds. Finally, our nation will have an accredited source, teaching multiple topic related subjects, that I and my fellow warriors may avail themselves to.

I fully support the concept, development and implementation of the Homeland Security University system. This school will no doubt be one of the primary sources Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and other Homeland Security professionals will utilize to enhance their ability to protect this great nation.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Dennis A. Goldsmith".

Dennis A. Goldsmith  
Colonel, U. S. Marine Corps