



SCHOOL OF CONTINUING STUDIES

Office of the Dean

**Michael M. Wallace**  
*Director, Homeland Security Studies Program*

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Butch Hammack  
Madison County Emergency Management  
125 W. North Street  
Canton, MS 39046

Dear Mr. Hammack

As the director of the Homeland Security Studies program at Tulane's School of Continuing Studies, I am assembling a Homeland Security Studies Public Advisory Board and would like to appoint you to membership on this board. The board will consist of prominent leaders, both public and private, whose insights, advice and recommendations will help the Homeland Security Studies program become more adept in serving the educational needs of our community.

The School of Continuing Studies (SCS) is one of Tulane University's ten schools and colleges. It is a degree granting school enrolling more than 1700 credit seeking students each semester. The mission of SCS is to serve working adults of both the Louisiana and Mississippi communities. To accomplish this, we offer over two dozen bachelor's and associate degrees, forty certificates and two master's degrees. The Homeland Security Studies program was approved in 2006 with a Masters of Professional Studies in Homeland Security (MPS) being added in 2009. The MPS is the first of its kind in Tulane history. Both degrees are based on the all hazards mitigation approach and are unique in the multidisciplinary field of homeland security. As the director of the program, I am very proud of our outstanding faculty and the mix of applied techniques and solid theoretical base in our curriculum.

As a member of the Homeland Security Studies Public Advisory Board, I would ask that you be available to answer questions and provide advice in your area of expertise relating to improving our curriculum. We will also schedule meetings of the advisory board from time to time and ask that you attend those meetings as your schedule permits.

I sincerely hope you can find it within your schedule to commit to serving on our board. I can promise you a worthwhile and rewarding experience. Please feel free to contact me at 504-247-1662 or [mwallac4@tulane.edu](mailto:mwallac4@tulane.edu) should you desire and additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael M. Wallace".