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of Transportation
**Federal Highway
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

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This letter is in reference to your complaint of discrimination, dated May 31, 2022, which was filed with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Office of Civil Rights. In the complaint, you allege that the Bakersfield Police Department and Bakersfield City Code Enforcement officials violated Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

After a thorough review of your complaint, the FHWA has determined that it does not have jurisdiction. The issues you raised regarding the conduct of law enforcement may be within the jurisdiction of a different federal agency. Therefore, we have forwarded your complaint to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Office of Civil Rights for appropriate action.

Please be advised that the FHWA's Office of Civil Rights has a responsibility to investigate individual complaints of discrimination alleging violations of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 involving a program or programs authorized under a law administered by FHWA. Title VI prohibits discrimination based on race, color, and national origin under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

If this office can be of assistance to you in any matter within the FHWA's enforcement responsibility, please contact us at (202) 366-0693, or at the address noted above.

Sincerely,

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