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By Office of  
Congressman Van Hollen

The Honorable Chris Van Hollen  
Member of Congress  
Suite 507  
51 Monroe Street  
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Congressman Van Hollen:

I am writing in response to your January 15, 2015, letter to the FBI on behalf of your constituent, Dr. John Hnatio, who alleges he is a victim of the theft of proprietary software and equipment by various US Government agencies.

Mr. Hnatio has previously had contact with the National Intellectual Property Rights Coordination Center, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Small Business Administration (SBA), and our field office in Baltimore, Maryland, regarding this matter. Mr. Hnatio was advised by SBA and HHS that his claims were not substantiated. Our Baltimore Field Office also declined to open an investigative case based on the information provided. Due to competing priorities and limited resources, the FBI is unable to address all of the intellectual property fraud schemes that target our citizens, in the United States or abroad. However, complaints are essential collection tools which allow the FBI to gather information into one repository wherein it may be aggregated and reviewed to assist in prioritizing our efforts.

If Mr. Hnatio has any additional concerns, he may contact the FBI Baltimore Field Office, located at 2600 Lord Baltimore Drive Baltimore, Maryland 21244, telephone number (410) 265-8080.

I appreciate your bringing this matter to our attention, and I hope this information will be helpful to you in responding to Mr. Hnatio.

Sincerely,

Michael T. Gavin  
Acting Deputy Assistant Director  
Criminal Investigative Division