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Comments for Public Posting: As a professor at California State University, Long Beach, I am commenting today to express strong opposition to the adoption of the Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention Grant (TVTP). As a social scientist who has published on these programmatic initiatives, there are several important findings that researchers have found to have a detrimental impact on vulnerable communities in programs such as TVTP. First, TVTP is not based upon sound evidence, instead it opens the door to racial and religious profiling. PATH questionnaires include bias in their inception, including questions such as "Do you have a religious community affiliation?" and "Do you have a political or other community affiliation?" These are not reliable indicators of a predilection to criminal activity. These questions instead presume that certain communities, or religions, are rendered more suspect than others. This line of thinking instead connects benign affiliation such as being Muslim and connects it to criminal behavior.