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Hon. Darrell Issa  
Chairman  
House Committee on Oversight and  
Government Reform  
2157 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Issa:

Our client, Hon. Hilda Solis, appreciates the invitation to appear before your committee on September 9, 2014. Because of unbreakable conflicts and unavoidable responsibilities, she must respectfully decline the invitation to testify at this time.

As you may know, Ms. Solis has a long and distinguished career of public service. Beginning with her election in 1985 as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Rio Hondo Community College District, she has held public office almost continuously for the past 29 years. She has the distinctions of being the first Hispanic woman to be elected to the California State Senate, and the first to serve as a U.S. Cabinet member. She is a scholar in residence at her *alma mater*, Cal Poly Pomona, and she was recently elected to serve on the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

As a long-time member of the House of Representatives, she understands the critical role the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform plays in the legislative process and she appreciates its work. She hopes to be able to assist the Committee in the future.

Very truly yours,

Karen A. Popp

cc: Hon. Elijah Cummings, Ranking Member