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The Honorable Jeh Johnson
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is investigating allegations of misconduct at the Transportation Security Agency (TSA). To advance this investigation, we are writing to request information relating to alleged misconduct by Michelle D'Antonio, a program specialist at TSA.

It has recently been reported that Ms. D'Antonio was responsible for coordinating delayed, missed or canceled flights for federal air marshals and providing other logistical support, giving her access to sensitive government databases.¹ Reportedly, Ms. D'Antonio used her position to access personnel files, identification photographs and flight schedules to pinpoint air marshals she was interested in meeting and possibly dating,² giving certain air marshals preferred treatment by manipulating flight schedules.³ At other times, according to those reports, "D'Antonio was known to seek out air marshals, unannounced, at a hotel or an airport, and may have engaged in unauthorized use of government databases to do so."⁴ An investigation of Ms. D'Antonio's actions is currently ongoing.⁵

To assist the Committee in its investigation of this alleged misconduct, the Committee requests that you designate officials within the Department to provide a briefing to the Committee staff regarding these issues not later than March 13, 2015.

¹ Andrew Becker, *Air marshals' flight schedules rearranged for trysts, employees say*, REVEAL, Feb. 26, 2015.

² *Id.*

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ *Id.*

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The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight committee of the House of Representatives and may at "any time" investigate "any matter" as set forth in House Rule X. An attachment to this letter provides additional information about responding to the Committee's request.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact Art Arthur of the Chairman Chaffetz's staff at 202-225-5074 or Cecelia Thomas of Ranking Member Cummings' staff. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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