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December 19, 2018

The Honorable Betsy DeVos
Secretary
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20202

Dear Madam Secretary:

As you know, Democrats will be in the majority in the House of Representatives beginning in January, and I have been chosen as the incoming Chairman of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. I am writing to request that you fully comply with the Committee's previous bipartisan requests for documents regarding the agency's compliance with the Federal Records Act, as set forth in the letters on September 25, 2017, and October 20, 2017.¹ I intend to continue this investigation in the next Congress.

Please refer to the instructions included with the September 25, 2017, letter on how to respond to this document request. As specified therein, upon completion of the document production, please submit a written certification that a diligent search has been completed and all responsive documents have been produced to the Committee.

Please provide all responsive documents and the certification by January 11, 2019. If you have any questions about this request, please contact my staff at (202) 225-5051.

¹ Letter from Chairman Trey Gowdy and Ranking Member Elijah E. Cummings, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform to Secretary Betsy DeVos, Department of Education (Sept. 25, 2017) (online at <https://democrats-oversight.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/2017-09-25.Gowdy%20EEC%20to%20Devos-DoEd%20re%20Federal%20Records%20Act%20due%2010-9.pdf>); Letter from Chairman Trey Gowdy, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to Secretary Betsy DeVos, Department of Education (Oct. 20, 2017) (online at <https://democrats-oversight.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/2017-10-20.Gowdy%20to%20DeVos-DoEd%20re%20Federal%20Records%20Act%20Followup%20due%2011-3.pdf>).

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Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Elijah E. Cummings". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Elijah E. Cummings
Ranking Member

cc: The Honorable Trey Gowdy, Chairman