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December 19, 2018

The Honorable R. Alexander Acosta
Secretary
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20210

Dear Mr. Secretary:

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Elijah E. Cummings
Ranking Member

cc: The Honorable Trey Gowdy, Chairman

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The Honorable Alex M. Azar II
Secretary
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Mr. Secretary:

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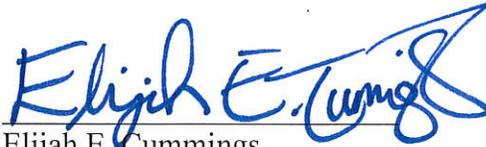
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The Honorable Alex M. Azar II
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Elijah E. Cummings
Ranking Member

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The Honorable James F. Bridenstine
Administrator
National Aeronautics and Space Administration
300 E. Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20546

Dear Administrator Bridenstine:

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The Honorable Benjamin S. Carson, M.D.
Secretary
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 7th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20410

Dear Mr. Secretary:

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The Honorable Benjamin S. Carson, M.D.

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Ranking Member

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The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Madam Secretary:

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

Dear Madam Secretary:

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The Honorable Betsy DeVos
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The Honorable James N. Mattis
Secretary
U.S. Department of Defense
1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301-1000

Dear Mr. Secretary:

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The Honorable James N. Mattis
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The Honorable Linda McMahon
Administrator
U.S. Small Business Administration
409 3rd Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20416

Dear Administrator McMahon:

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The Honorable Linda McMahon
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Elijah E. Cummings
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The Honorable Steven T. Mnuchin
Secretary
U.S. Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20220

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The Honorable Steven T. Mnuchin
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Elijah E. Cummings
Ranking Member

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December 19, 2018

The Honorable Kirstjen M. Nielsen
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
245 Murray Lane S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Madam Secretary:

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The Honorable Kirstjen M. Nielsen
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Elijah E. Cummings
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The Honorable Sonny Perdue
Secretary
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20250

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The Honorable Sonny Perdue
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The Honorable Rick Perry
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

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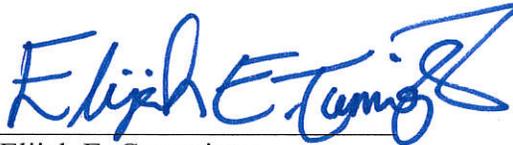
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The Honorable Michael R. Pompeo
Secretary
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20520

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The Honorable Michael R. Pompeo
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Elijah E. Cummings
Ranking Member

cc: The Honorable Trey Gowdy, Chairman

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December 19, 2018

The Honorable Wilbur L. Ross, Jr.
Secretary
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. 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.

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The Honorable Andrew Wheeler
Acting Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Acting Administrator Wheeler:

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Mr. Matthew G. Whitaker
Acting Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Acting Attorney General Whitaker:

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Mr. Matthew G. Whitaker
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December 19, 2018

The Honorable Robert Wilkie
Secretary
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20420

Dear Mr. Secretary:

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The Honorable Ryan Zinke
Secretary
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

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