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COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM

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December 19, 2018

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:

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 use of government-owned aircraft for personal travel or private non-commercial aircraft for official travel, as set forth in the letters on September 26, 2017, and October 17, 2017.¹ I intend to continue this investigation in the next Congress.

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¹ Letter from Chairman Trey Gowdy and Ranking Member Elijah E. Cummings, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to Secretary Thomas E. Price, Department of Health and Human Services (Sept. 26, 2017) (online at <https://democrats-oversight.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/2017-09-26.Gowdy%20EEC%20to%20Price-HHS%20re%20Travel%20due%2010-10.pdf>); Letter from Chairman Trey Gowdy and Ranking Member Elijah E. Cummings, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to Acting Secretary Don Wright, Department of Health and Human Services (Oct. 17, 2017) (online at <https://democrats-oversight.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/2017-10-17.Gowdy%20EEC%20to%20Wright-HHS%20re%20Travel%20Followup%20due%2010-31.pdf>).

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Sincerely,

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Elijah E. Cummings
Ranking Member

cc: The Honorable Trey Gowdy, Chairman

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

Dear Administrator Bridenstine:

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 use of government-owned aircraft for personal travel or private non-commercial aircraft for official travel, as set forth in letters on September 26, 2017, and October 17, 2017.¹ I intend to continue this investigation in the next Congress.

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The Honorable James F. Bridenstine
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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:

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 use of government-owned aircraft for personal travel or private non-commercial aircraft for official travel, as set forth in letters on September 26, 2017, and October 17, 2017.¹ I intend to continue this investigation in the next Congress.

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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:

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 use of government-owned aircraft for personal travel or private non-commercial aircraft for official travel, as set forth in letters on September 26, 2017, and October 17, 2017.¹ I intend to continue this investigation in the next Congress.

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December 19, 2018

The Honorable John F. Kelly
Chief of Staff
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear General Kelly:

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 and Republican requests for documents regarding the use of government-owned aircraft for personal travel or private non-commercial aircraft for official travel, as set forth in letters on September 26, 2017, October 17, 2017, and November 16, 2017.¹ I intend to continue this investigation in the next Congress.

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December 19, 2018

The Honorable James N. Mattis
Secretary
U.S. Department of Defense
1300 Defense Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301-1300

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 use of government-owned aircraft for personal travel or private non-commercial aircraft for official travel, as set forth in letters on September 26, 2017, and October 17, 2017.¹ I intend to continue this investigation in the next Congress.

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The Honorable James N. Mattis
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December 19, 2018

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

Dear Administrator McMahon:

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 use of government-owned aircraft for personal travel or private non-commercial aircraft for official travel, as set forth in letters on September 26, 2017, and October 17, 2017.¹ I intend to continue this investigation in the next Congress.

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The Honorable Linda McMahon
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Ranking Member

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December 19, 2018

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

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 use of government-owned aircraft for personal travel or private non-commercial aircraft for official travel, as set forth in letters on September 26, 2017, and October 17, 2017.¹ I intend to continue this investigation in the next Congress.

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December 19, 2018

The Honorable Sonny Perdue
Secretary
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20250

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 use of government-owned aircraft for personal travel or private non-commercial aircraft for official travel, as set forth in letters on September 26, 2017, and October 17, 2017.¹ I intend to continue this investigation in the next Congress.

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

Dear Mr. Secretary:

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

Dear Acting Administrator Wheeler:

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 use of government-owned aircraft for personal travel or private non-commercial aircraft for official travel, as set forth in letters on September 26, 2017, and October 17, 2017.¹ I intend to continue this investigation in the next Congress.

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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:

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 use of government-owned aircraft for personal travel or private non-commercial aircraft for official travel, as set forth in letters on September 26, 2017, and October 17, 2017.¹ I intend to continue this investigation in the next Congress.

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¹ Letter from Chairman Trey Gowdy and Ranking Member Elijah E. Cummings, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to Attorney General Jeff Sessions, Department of Justice (Sept. 26, 2017) (online at <https://democrats-oversight.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/2017-09-26.Gowdy%20EEC%20to%20Sessions-DOJ%20re%20Travel%20due%2010-10.pdf>); Letter from Chairman Trey Gowdy and Ranking Member Elijah E. Cummings, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to Attorney General Jeff Sessions, Department of Justice (Oct. 17, 2017) (online at <https://democrats-oversight.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/2017-10-17.Gowdy%20EEC%20to%20Sessions-DOJ%20re%20Travel%20Followup%20due%2010-24.pdf>).

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Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,

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Elijah E. Cummings
Ranking Member

cc: The Honorable Trey Gowdy, Chairman

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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:

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 use of government-owned aircraft for personal travel or private non-commercial aircraft for official travel, as set forth in letters on September 26, 2017, and October 17, 2017.¹ I intend to continue this investigation in the next Congress.

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