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May 8, 2015

Mr. Kim C. Dine  
Chief of Police  
U.S. Capitol Police  
119 D Street, NE  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chief Dine:

Thank you for briefing Members of Congress and our staffs, and for your recent testimony before the Committee regarding the Capitol Police's effort to better protect the Washington, D.C. airspace. We are committed to assisting you and your federal partners to accomplish this critical mission.

In order to fully understand the threat that gyrocopters and similar small aerial devices pose to the National Capital Region, we made several attempts to coordinate a meeting with the officers who were on the scene when the gyrocopter landed on the West Lawn. These first responders are critical to our investigation. Unfortunately, your office has been unwilling to schedule that meeting, and repeated requests for your assistance have been largely ignored.

At one point, your staff stated that the Capitol Police will consult the "U.S. Attorney's office to determine whether the officers will be available due to the pending prosecution in this matter."<sup>1</sup> In addition, you were asked at the hearing on this topic to provide these individuals for meetings with the Chairs and Ranking Members of this Committee and the House Administration Committee. You responded, "Absolutely. We can work through the United States Attorney's Office. Obviously, as you know, this case is under prosecution."<sup>2</sup> We are disappointed that you have asked the Committee to subjugate its investigative priorities in this case. Furthermore, you and your staff have neither stated how the Committee's access to eyewitnesses would compromise the criminal investigation, nor offered an accommodation that would allow the Committee to obtain the information we need.

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<sup>1</sup> Email from U.S.C.P. to H. Comm. Oversight & Gov't Reform, April 28, 2015.

<sup>2</sup> Chief Dine, before H. Comm. Oversight & Gov't Reform, hearing "Flying Under the Radar: Securing Washington, D.C. Airspace" April 29, 2015.

Chief Kim C. Dine

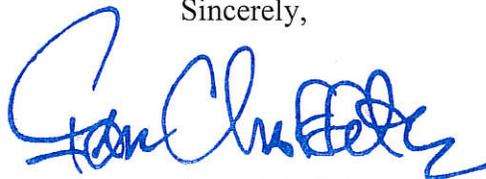
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Absent a full and independent review of the full body of evidence related to the gyrocopter incident, it is impossible for Congress to determine how to prevent similar security threats in the future. Information that only eyewitnesses can provide is critical to answer the many remaining questions about the incident and to identify ways to strengthen security around the National Capital Region airspace.

Please contact James Robertson or Michael Kiko of the Committee staff at (202) 225-5074 to schedule a meeting with the officers who were present when the gyrocopter landed, or with any questions about this request. We expect that the meeting will occur on or before May 15, 2015. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jason Chaffetz", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jason Chaffetz  
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings  
Ranking Member