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May 31, 2016

The Honorable Ashton B. Carter
Secretary
U.S. Department of Defense
1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Mr. Secretary:

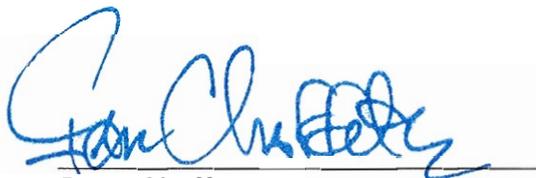
In 2015, the Department of Defense continued its effort to establish partnerships and relationships with the information technology and innovation sectors. To advance that effort, the Department established the Defense Innovation Unit-Experimental (DIUx) as a point of presence in Silicon Valley. The DIUx is “positioned to be accessible to the infusion of new opportunities to accentuate [the Pentagon’s] already rich technology portfolio.”¹

So that the Committee can better understand DOD’s strategic objectives and implementation strategy for the DIUx, in the near and long term, please provide a briefing to the Committee as soon as possible, but no later than 5:00 p.m. June 14, 2016. Please be prepared to address staffing and funding levels for the DIUx, and to provide information related to the DIUx’s functions, goals, and mission.

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal investigative committee in the U.S. House of Representatives. Pursuant to House Rule X, the Committee has authority to investigate “any matter” at “any time.”

Please contact Mike Flynn of Chairman Chaffetz’s staff at (202) 225-5074 or Jesse Reisman of Ranking Member Cummings’ staff at (202) 225-5051 with any questions about this request. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Jason Chaffetz
Chairman



Elijah E. Cummings
Ranking Member

¹ Fact Sheet, “Defense Innovation Unit – Experimental (DIUx): Silicon Valley,” *available at* http://www.defenseinnovationmarketplace.mil/resources/2015828_DIUxFactSheet.pdf.

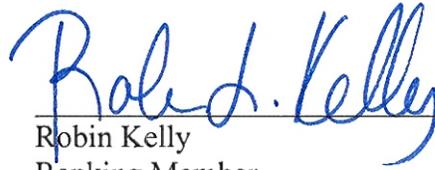
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