

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM

2157 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING

WASHINGTON, DC 20515-6143

MAJORITY (202) 225-5074
MINORITY (202) 225-5051
<http://oversight.house.gov>

May 31, 2016

The Honorable Jeh Charles Johnson
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Mr. Secretary:

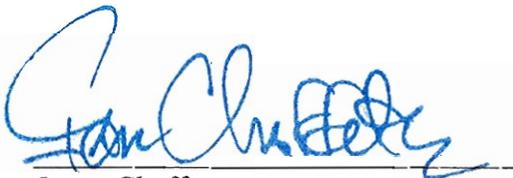
In February 2016, the Department of Homeland Security opened a satellite office in California's Silicon Valley.¹ In an announcement when the Silicon Valley Office (SVO) was created on April 21, 2015, you stated that the SVO's mission is to "strengthen critical relationships with Silicon Valley and ensure that the government and the private sector benefit from each other's research and development."²

So that the Committee can better understand DHS' strategic objectives and implementation strategy for the SVO, 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 SVO, and to provide information related to the SVO's functions, goals, and mission.

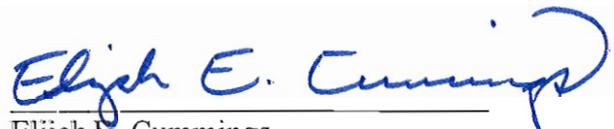
The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal investigative committee in the U.S. House of Representatives. Pursuant to House Rule X, the Committee has authority to investigate "any matter" at "any time."

Please contact Mike Flynn of Chairman Chaffetz' 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 DHS website, "Silicon Valley Office," available at <https://www.dhs.gov/science-and-technology/blog/2015/10/14/silicon-valley-office>.

² *Id.*

The Honorable Jeh Charles Johnson

May 31, 2016

Page 2



Will Hurd
Chairman
Subcommittee on Information Technology



Robin L. Kelly
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Information Technology



Blake Farenthold
Vice-Chairman
Subcommittee on Information Technology



Ted Lieu
Member of Congress
Subcommittee on Information Technology