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The Honorable Denis McDonough
Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. McDonough:

The Committee is writing to follow-up on our December 9, 2015¹, and April 19, 2016², letters to you. The December 9, 2015, letter enclosed a copy of the Committee's report on the Secret Service (USSS), which was adopted by the Committee in a unanimous vote.³ The report included twenty-seven recommendations for the Executive Branch and requested the White House work with the appropriate agencies to implement those recommendations and provide regular briefings on their progress.⁴

The final finding in the Committee's report was "USSS's mission has dramatically expanded" and recommended "the Executive Branch should conduct an interagency review on USSS's collateral or non-essential missions that can be shed, and submit a report to Congress on its findings within a year."⁵ On February 29, 2016, we met with White House Counsel Neil Eggleston and Department of Homeland Security Deputy Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas to discuss the Committee's findings and recommendations. On April 19, 2016, the Committee wrote to USSS Director Clancy, copying you, "[u]nlike the twenty-six recommendations directed to USSS, this recommendation was made with the expectation that the White House would convene the interagency review or direct the Department of Homeland Security to lead such a review."⁶

¹ Letter from Jason Chaffetz, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight & Gov't Reform and Elijah E. Cummings, Ranking Member, H. Comm. on Oversight & Gov't Reform to Denis McDonough, Chief of Staff, White House (Dec. 9, 2015).

² Letter from Jason Chaffetz, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight & Gov't Reform and Elijah E. Cummings, Ranking Member, H. Comm. on Oversight & Gov't Reform to Joseph Clancy, Dir., U.S. Secret Service and Denis McDonough, Chief of Staff, White House (Apr. 19, 2016) [hereinafter April 19, 2016 letter].

³ *H. Comm. on Oversight and Gov't Reform: United States Secret Service: An Agency in Crisis*, 114th Cong. (Dec. 9, 2015)

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ April 19, 2016 letter.

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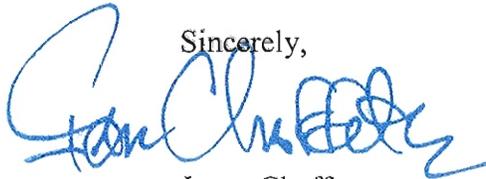
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It has now been over six months since the Committee released its report. The Committee requests a briefing, as soon as possible but no later than July 13, 2016, on the status of the White House's implementation of the Committee's recommendation regarding USSS's mission.

Our report is intended to be a constructive tool for reform. We look forward to working together with you, Secretary Johnson, Director Clancy, and the Appropriations Committees to ensure that USSS is able to restore its position as the nation's preeminent law enforcement agency. Please contact Mike Howell of Chairman Chaffetz' staff at 202-225-5074 with any questions.

Sincerely,



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Chairman

cc: The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings, Ranking Member

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