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**House of Representatives**

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The President  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

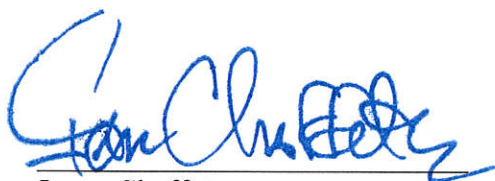
We write to recommend that you re-nominate Carolyn Lerner as Special Counsel of the United States.

The Office of Special Counsel (OSC) is a non-partisan, independent agency charged with protecting whistleblowers and other federal employees from prohibited personnel practices and shielding the government from undue political influence by enforcing the Hatch Act. Whistleblowers are key to exposing waste, fraud, and abuse in government, so encouraging an atmosphere in which they are protected is critical.

Lerner has provided objective and effective leadership at OSC. She began her tenure in an environment with significant management problems and low morale. She has presided over significant improvements at OSC, an organization that has increased its case volume and productivity. Under Lerner's leadership, OSC has increased the number of successful outcomes for whistleblowers by 233%.<sup>1</sup> Both Republican and Democratic Members have voiced their support for Lerner's work and her re-nomination.

We believe the American people would benefit from Lerner's continued service as Special Counsel, and urge her re-nomination to a second term.

Sincerely,



Jason Chaffetz  
Chairman



Elijah E. Cummings  
Ranking Member

<sup>1</sup> House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Testimony of Carolyn N. Lerner, Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, *Hearing on Transparency at TSA*, 115th Cong. (Mar. 2, 2017).