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May 3, 2017

The Honorable John F. Kelly
Secretary of Homeland Security
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Mr. Secretary:

On April 28, 2017, Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) Director Connie Patrick announced her retirement amid an ongoing investigation by the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Inspector General (DHS OIG). DHS OIG is investigating allegations of wasteful spending, noncompliance with procedures, improper travel, and prohibited personnel practices.¹

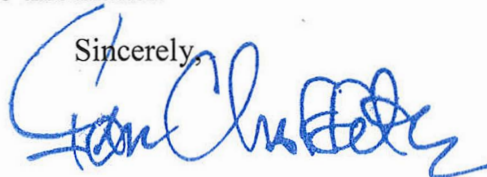
Against this backdrop, we learned Director Patrick plans to attend a training program at the International Law Enforcement Academy in Gaborone, Botswana, within weeks of her scheduled retirement. Because allegations of wasteful and improper travel are part of DHS OIG's current investigation,² a pre-retirement trip to Botswana on the taxpayer's dime by this particular official requires a degree of scrutiny, at the very least.

We seek to understand what benefit FLETC and taxpayers derive from paying to send an outgoing official, who is under investigation for improper travel, to an international panel discussion just weeks before retirement. To assist the Committee, please make appropriate staff available for a briefing no later than May 17, 2017. During the briefing, staff should be prepared to identify the costs and benefits associated with Director Patrick's prior international travel, for the last ten years.

Should you have any questions about this request, please have your staff contact Ari Wisch of the Committee staff at (202) 225-5074.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Jason Chaffetz
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings, Ranking Member

¹ Mary Kay Mallonee, *Top DHS Official Announces Retirement Amid IG Investigation*, CNN, May 1, 2017, <http://www.cnn.com/2017/05/01/politics/connie-patrick-dhs-retirement/>.

² Briefing by John Roth, Inspector Gen., Dep't of Homeland Sec., to H. Comm. on Oversight & Gov't Reform and S. Homeland Security and Gov't Affairs (April 25, 2017).