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October 12, 2017

The Honorable Rick Snyder
Governor
State of Michigan
111 South Capitol Avenue
P.O. Box 30013
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Governor Snyder:

On March 17, 2016, you provided testimony to the Committee at a hearing titled “Examining Federal Administration of the Safe Drinking Water Act in Flint, Michigan, Part III.”¹ During the hearing, you had the following exchange with Congressman Tim Walberg (R-MI) regarding the outbreak of Legionnaires' disease in Flint:

Mr. Walberg: Governor, let me ask you, when did you first learn of the instances of—a question here that was brought up just the other day as well, and there is a concern—instances of Legionnaire’s disease in Flint?

You: Yes, in terms of Legionnaire’s, I didn’t learn of that until 2016. And as soon as I became aware of it, we held a press conference the next day. That was clearly a case where the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services should have done more to escalate the issue, to get it visible to the public and to me.²

On October 6, 2017, one of your aides, Harvey Hollins III, provided testimony in the preliminary hearing for Nick Lyon.³ In that testimony, Mr. Hollins stated he called you in December of 2015 and made you aware of the outbreak of Legionnaires' disease.⁴ Mr. Hollins

¹ *Examining Federal Administration of the Safe Drinking Water Act in Flint, Michigan, Part III: Hearing Before H. Comm. on Oversight and Gov’t Reform*, 114th Congress (Mar. 17, 2016).

² *Id.* at 16.

³ Elisha Anderson, *Top Snyder Aide: Governor Knew about Legionnaires’ in Flint Earlier than He Claimed*, Detroit Free Press, Oct. 6, 2017, <http://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/flint-water-crisis/2017/10/06/legionnaires-disease-flint-water-crisis-snyder/740714001/>.

⁴ *Id.*

testified he made this call after a meeting of the Flint Water Advisory Task Force that occurred just prior to Christmas.⁵

Mr. Hollins's account of when you became aware of the disease cases is different from your testimony to the Committee. In order to resolve this discrepancy in recollection, please supply the Committee with any additional relevant information you have concerning the date upon which you first learned of the Legionnaire's disease. If necessary, you may also choose to amend or supplement your testimony. In the interest of resolving this matter expeditiously, provide a response no later than October 25, 2017.

Under 18 U.S.C. § 1621, a witness commits perjury if he or she, "having taken an oath . . . , willfully and contrary to such oath states or subscribes any material matter which he does not believe to be true." Under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, a witness commits a crime if he or she "knowingly and willfully" makes a statement "knowing the same to contain any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement." Under 18 U.S.C. § 1505, a witness commits a crime if he or she "corruptly" "influences, obstructs, or impedes," or "endeavors to influence, obstruct, or impede," the "due and proper exercise of the power of inquiry under which any inquiry or investigation is being had by either House, or any committee of either House."

Please contact Ryan Hambleton at (202) 225-5074 of the Chairman's staff and Kapil Longani of the Ranking Member's staff at (202) 225-5051 with any questions about this request. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Trey Gowdy



Elijah E. Cummings

Enclosure

⁵ *Id.*

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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
115TH CONGRESS**

NOTICE OF APPEARANCE OF COUNSEL

Counsel submitting: _____

Bar number: _____ **State/District of admission:** _____

Attorney for: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ - _____

Pursuant to Rule 16 of the Committee Rules, notice is hereby given of the entry of the undersigned as counsel for _____ in (select one):

All matters before the Committee

The following matters (describe the scope of representation):

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I agree to notify the Committee within 1 business day of any change in representation.

Signature of Attorney

Date