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The Honorable William M. Thornberry  
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services  
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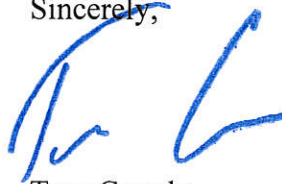
Dear Mr. Chairman:

I write concerning a provision in H.R. 5515, *the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019*. As you know, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (OGR) has jurisdiction over federal procurement.<sup>1</sup>

Section 880 of the House bill relates to federal procurement and the Speaker has appointed OGR conferees for consideration of that section, among others. The Committee understands the Conference Committee is considering modifying the provision, based on certain classified reports.

Per your staff's instructions, I am writing to request OGR and one appropriately-cleared OGR committee staff member per conferee be provided access to those reports, in order to evaluate the justification for the proposed changes.

Sincerely,



Trey Gowdy

cc: The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings, Ranking Member, Committee on Oversight &  
Government Reform

The Honorable Adam Smith, Ranking Member, Committee on Armed Services

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<sup>1</sup> H. Rule X, clause 1(n)(6)