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The Honorable Deborah J. Jeffrey
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Dear Ms. Jeffrey:

We have become aware that the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) Office of Inspector General (OIG) has not issued final reports for two OIG investigations into the misuse of federal resources. We respectfully request that you produce the draft reports and case files for these two investigations.

First, we understand that the CNCS OIG has prepared a draft report evaluating whether AmeriCorps members participated in abortion services or referrals, which is prohibited by federal law.¹ Then-Senator Hatch and Senator Enzi asked the CNCS OIG to perform this evaluation in June 2011.² However, to date, the CNCS OIG has not issued this report.

Second, we understand that the CNCS OIG prepared a draft Report of Investigation (ROI) in 2015 relating to the OIG's investigation into the CNCS's relocation of the National Civilian Community Corps' Atlantic Region Campus from Parry Point, Maryland, to the Sacred Heart of Mary School in Baltimore, Maryland. The OIG apparently found that CNCS broke federal contracting rules in leasing the Sacred Heart of Mary School and that CNCS wasted taxpayer dollars in renovating the facility. To date, although we understand that a draft report exists, the CNCS OIG has not issued this ROI.

To help us understand the OIG's two investigations and the reasons why the reports have not been released, we ask that you please provide the following documents and information:

1. All documents and communications referring or relating to the CNCS OIG report, titled "Evaluation of Corporation Internal Controls in Identifying and Preventing Prohibited Activities," about AmeriCorps staff participating in prohibited abortion-related activities, including, but not limited to, any findings, notes, memoranda, presentations, records,

¹ 45 C.F.R. § 2520.65.

² See Letter from Michael B. Enzi, Senator, U.S. Senate, and Orrin G. Hatch, Senator, U.S. Senate to Kenneth Bach, Acting Inspector General, Corp. for Nat'l. and Community Service (June 16, 2011) (on file with Comm. Staff).

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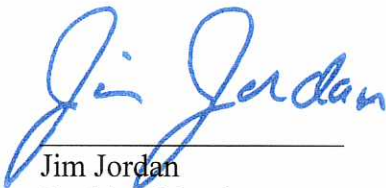
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interviews (including interview transcripts, interview summaries, or memoranda of interviews), supporting materials, draft reports (including any revisions and/or edits made and the author of said revisions and/or edits), draft decisions and any other underlying evidence obtained throughout the course of the investigation; and

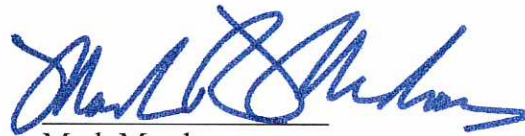
2. All documents and communications referring or relating to the CNCS OIG report of investigation (OIG 2015-005) about the CNCS's lease of the Sacred Heart Church located in Baltimore, Maryland, including, but not limited to, any findings, notes, memoranda, presentations, records, interviews (including interview transcripts, interview summaries, or memoranda of interviews), supporting materials, draft reports (including any revisions and/or edits made and the author of said revisions and/or edits), draft decisions, and any other underlying evidence obtained throughout the course of the investigation.

Please provide this information as soon as possible but no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 20, 2019. If you have any questions about this request, please contact Committee staff at (202) 225-5074. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Jim Jordan
Ranking Member



Mark Meadows
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Government Operations

cc: The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings, Chairman
The Honorable Gerald Connolly, Chairman, Subcommittee on Government Operations