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January 11, 2023

The Honorable Robin Carnahan
Administrator
General Services Administration
1800 F Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20405

Dear Administrator Carnahan:

Committee Republicans are conducting oversight of General Services Administration (GSA) leadership. We have received whistleblower reports you have spent most of your time working in a location other than Washington D.C during your tenure as GSA administrator. We are writing to determine whether these reports are accurate, and if so, understand the reason behind routine absences and whether they are in compliance with relevant regulations.

Since the beginning of the Biden Administration, Committee Republicans have expressed concerns that the broader federal workforce has been slow to return to in-person work,¹ even after President Biden assured the public in his State of the Union address last year that “the vast majority of federal workers will once again work in-person.”² Republicans also expressed concern other agency heads have had a limited physical presence in Washington, D.C.³ If the intent of President Biden’s statement was to encourage Americans to return to the office by leading by example, agency leadership must work in-person as well.

In order to assist Committee Republicans in conducting oversight of your work arrangements and practices, please provide the following information no later than January 25, 2023:

1. The number of days you have been present in Washington, D.C. since assuming your role as administrator of GSA.

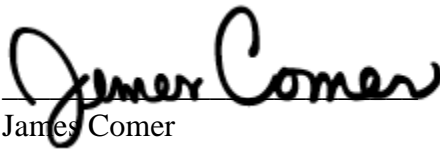
¹ Letter from Ranking Members James Comer and Jody Hice to Kiran Ahuja, director, U.S. Office of Personnel Management and Robin Carnahan, administrator, U.S. General Services Administration (March 30, 2022). *See also*, Letter from ranking members Virginia Foxx, James Comer, Rick Allen, Jody Hice and Rep. Fred Keller to Martin Walsh, Secretary of Labor (October 18, 2021). On file with committee staff.

² *Remarks by President Biden in State of the Union Address* at 16 (Mar. 1, 2022), online at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/speeches-remarks/2022/03/02/remarks-by-president-biden-in-state-of-the-union-address/>

³ Letter from ranking members Virginia Foxx, James Comer, Rick Allen, Jody Hice and Rep. Fred Keller to Martin Walsh, Secretary of Labor (October 18, 2021). On file with committee staff.

2. Any arrangement between you and GSA regarding a teleworking or remote work agreement.
3. All documents and communications regarding any such teleworking or remote work agreement.
4. Your daily calendar since the day you were sworn in as GSA administrator to the present.
5. All travel reimbursement requests you have submitted since you were sworn in as GSA administrator to the present.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Comer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

James Comer

Chairman

Committee on Oversight and Accountability

cc: The Honorable Jamie B. Raskin, Ranking Member
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