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Ms. Raylene Yung
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Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Director Yung:

The Committee on Oversight and Accountability is conducting oversight of the General Services Administration's (GSA) September 2021 proposal seeking a Technology Modernization Fund (TMF) award for Login.gov.¹ A recent report by the GSA Office of Inspector General (OIG) found that, starting in 2018, certain representatives of GSA—which developed and maintains Login.gov—knowingly misled agencies and perhaps the Technology Modernization Board about the platform's compliance with certain security standards.² This GSA OIG report also found that GSA's TMF proposal included false or misleading statements regarding Login.gov compliance with security standards.³ We request documents and communications, as well as a staff-level briefing, to understand what representations were made regarding Login.gov to the TMF in pursuit of an award.

In 2021, the TMF awarded Login.gov \$187 million, set to be distributed between 2022 and 2025.⁴ According to the GSA OIG report, this funding was awarded in order to accelerate the adoption of Login.gov services, ensure that Login.gov is equitable, and increase cybersecurity and antifraud capabilities.⁵ Presently and at the time of the award, Login.gov did not meet the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) standard for Identity Assurance Level 2 (IAL2).⁶

It is important to understand the extent of the misleading statements made about Login.gov in GSA's proposal for TMF funds, as well as the Technology Modernization Board's knowledge of and response to these misleading statements. We must also have clarity into how Login.gov has used the funds it received for fiscal year 2022 and understand if the Technology Modernization Board intends to disburse the remaining allocated funds to Login.gov.

¹ U.S. GEN. SERV. ADMIN., JE23-003, *GSA Misled Customers on Login.gov's Compliance with Digital Identity Standards* (Mar. 7, 2023).

² *Id.*

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ *Id.*

Accordingly, the Committee requests a staff-level briefing, as soon as possible but no later than July 10, 2023, to understand:

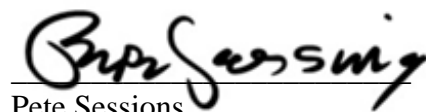
1. Whether the Technology Modernization Board knew about Login.gov's noncompliance with the NIST IAL2 standard prior to the GSA OIG report;
2. Login.gov's Technology Modernization Fund project proposals, including the Initial Project Proposal and Full Project Proposal and any associated appendices and pitch decks.
3. How the Technology Modernization Board intends to disburse the remainder of Login.gov's award in future fiscal years;
4. The impact of Login.gov's non-compliance with the NIST IAL2 standard on the objectives the TMF award is meant to help the service achieve; and
5. The factors considered by the Technology Modernization Board when deciding to provide Login.gov with a TMF award.

In addition, please provide all documents shared and communications between Technology Modernization Board members or Technology Modernization Fund program office staff and Login.gov, GSA's Technology Transformation Services, and/or GSA's Federal Acquisition Service regarding the TMF proposal for Login.gov. Please arrange to deliver these documents no later than July 6, 2023.

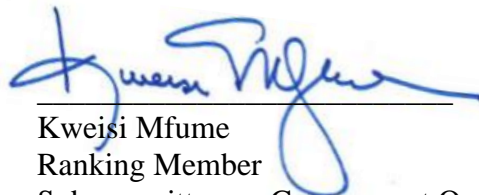
To schedule the briefing, arrange for the delivery of responsive documents or ask any related follow-up questions, please contact Committee on Oversight and Accountability Majority Staff at (202) 225-5074. Attached are instructions for producing the documents and information to the Committee.

The Committee on Oversight and Accountability is the principal oversight committee of the U.S. House of Representatives and has broad authority to investigate "any matter" at "any time" under House Rule X. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this inquiry.

Sincerely,



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Subcommittee on Government Operations
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