August 4, 2023

The Honorable Jennifer Granholm
Secretary
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Granholm:

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The Honorable Michael Regan
Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20004

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The Honorable Martin Gruenberg
Chairman
United States Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
550 17th St., NW
Washington, DC 20429

Dear Chairman Gruenberg:

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The Honorable Robin Carnahan
Administrator
General Services Administration
1800 F St., NW
Washington, DC 20405

Dear Administrator Carnahan:

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The Honorable Xavier Becerra  
Secretary  
United States Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Ave., SW  
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Secretary Becerra:

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The Honorable Marcia Fudge  
Secretary  
United States Department of Housing and Urban Development  
451 7th St., SW  
Washington, DC 20410

Dear Secretary Fudge:

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August 4, 2023

The Honorable Debra Haaland
Secretary
United States Department of the Interior
1849 C St., NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Haaland:

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The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas  
Secretary  
United States Department of Homeland Security  
1100 Alabama Ave., SE  
Washington, DC 20032

Dear Secretary Mayorkas:

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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary  
United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

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The Honorable Gina Raimondo
Secretary
United States Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20230

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The Honorable Julie Su  
Secretary  
United States Department of Labor  
200 Constitution Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20210

Dear Secretary Su:

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2415 Eisenhower Ave.  
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The Honorable Kiran Ahuja
Director
United States Office of Personnel Management
1900 E St., NW
Washington, DC 20415

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The Honorable Isabel Guzman
Director
United States Small Business Administration
409 3rd St., SW
Washington, DC 20416

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Dr. Kilolo Kijakazi  
Acting Commissioner  
United States Social Security Administration  
6401 Security Blvd.  
Baltimore, MD 21235

Dear Acting Commissioner Kijakazi:

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The Honorable Antony Blinken  
Secretary  
United States Department of State  
2201 C St., NW  
Washington, DC 20520

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The Honorable Janet Yellen
Secretary
United States Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20220

Dear Secretary Yellen:

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The Honorable Samantha Power
Administrator
United States Agency for International Development
1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
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The Honorable Thomas Vilsack
Secretary
United States Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20250

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The Honorable Denis McDonough  
Secretary  
United States Department of Veterans Affairs  
810 Vermont Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20420  

Dear Secretary McDonough:

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The Honorable Lloyd Austin  
Secretary 
United States Department of Defense 
1000 Defense Pentagon 
Washington, DC 20301

Dear Secretary Austin:

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United States Department of Education  
400 Maryland Ave., SW  
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Dear Secretary Cardona:

We are writing to reiterate our May 18, 2023, request for information regarding telework and remote policies at your agency. To date, we have not received information responsive to our request, raising concerns that your agency is intentionally withholding this information from Congress or is not tracking it as required by law.

As noted in our original letter, agencies are required to compile information under existing statute and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidance. In addition, agencies are required to update Work Environment Plans pursuant to OMB’s Memorandum M-23-15 issued April 23, 2023, which requires information similar to many aspects of our request. In a recent briefing to Committee on Oversight and Accountability staff, OMB officials stated that nearly all Chief Financial Officers (CFO) Act agencies have submitted plans for review. It stands to reason, therefore, that agencies possess the information we seek, yet are choosing not to provide it to the Committee.

Central to this issue is the concern that agencies—and certainly the Office of Personnel Management—do not know how many employees are teleworking or working remotely, or how often they do so. A recent Government Accountability Office (GAO) study on federal building occupancy suggests that in some components of federal agencies, the vast majority of employees

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1 Letter from Chairman James Comer, et al, H. Comm. on Oversight and Accountability to Agency Heads (May 18, 2023).
4 Briefing to Committee on Oversight and Accountability staff from Office of Management and Budget officials (July 11, 2023).
are not coming to the office on a regular basis.\textsuperscript{5} Indeed, some agency headquarters reported occupancy rates as low as nine percent.\textsuperscript{6}

The purpose of our oversight is to ensure that in the shift to widespread telework and remote work that agencies are able to hold employees accountable and accomplish their missions. In the absence of relevant information, we are left to make assumptions and draw conclusions.

If your agency does not comply fully with the Committee’s May 18, 2023, request no later than August 18, 2023, we will be forced to consider compulsory processes to obtain the information necessary to perform appropriate oversight over the Biden Administration’s telework and remote work policies.

Sincerely,

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Chairman
Committee on Oversight and Accountability

Pete Sessions
Chairman
Subcommittee on Government Operations and the Federal Workforce

Lauren Boebert
Member of Congress

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Committee on Oversight and Accountability

The Honorable Kweisi Mfume, Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Government Operations and the Federal Workforce

\textsuperscript{5} U.S. GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE, GAO-23-106200, PRELIMINARY RESULTS SHOW FEDERAL BUILDINGS REMAIN UNDERUTILIZED DUE TO LONGSTANDING CHALLENGES AND INCREASED TELEWORK (July 13, 2023).

\textsuperscript{6} Id. at 8.