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The Honorable Jason Chaffetz
Chairman
Committee on Oversight and
Government Reform
U.S. House of Representatives
2157 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Elijah Cummings
Ranking Member
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Ranking Member
Committee on Homeland Security and
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United States Senate
340 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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