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The Honorable Trey Gowdy Chairman Committee on Oversight and Government Reform U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

We are writing to respectfully request that you place 13 motions for subpoenas on the agenda for our Committee's upcoming business meeting on March 15, 2018. For each of these requests, we and other Members previously sent you detailed letters setting forth the specific bases for the motions, but you have not responded. Our requests are summarized below.

We understand that you personally may disagree with our requests, but our Committee Members deserve the opportunity to debate and vote on these motions, rather than you blocking their consideration. House rules provide for subpoenas to be issued by a vote of the full Committee, and we have repeatedly asked for the opportunity to do so. Many Members believe that we must use the full force of the Committee to uphold our Constitutional obligation to conduct rigorous oversight of the executive branch. We ask that you allow us to offer these motions, debate them, and hold votes.

(1) <u>White House Withholding Documents on Security Clearances:</u>

Following many requests from Democratic Members of the Committee, on February 14 and 15, 2018, you sent two letters to the White House seeking information about their security clearance process, former Staff Secretary Robert Porter, and the extent to which White House officials have been working for extended periods of time with only interim security clearances. On March 8, 2018, the White House responded with a five-paragraph letter describing White House efforts to "improve its security procedures," but failed to provide any of the information the Committee requested.¹ The sole exception was an attachment—a memo from White House Chief of Staff John Kelly that the Washington Post had previously placed online.² On March 9, 2018, Ranking Member

¹ Letter from Marc T. Short, Assistant to the President, The White House, to Chairman Trey Gowdy, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (Mar. 8, 2018) (online at https://democrats-oversight.house.gov/files/8%20March%202018%20OGR%20Letter.pdf).

² Read Kelly's Memo of Proposed Changes to White House Security Clearance Process, Washington Post

Cummings wrote to request that you issue a subpoena to compel the production of these records or to allow a vote.³

(2) <u>DHS Withholding Documents on Contract for Emergency Meals</u>:

On October 11, 2017, Ranking Member Cummings joined you in a bipartisan letter to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) seeking documents and communications related to the preparation for, and response to, Hurricanes Irma and Maria in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.⁴ Several months after the request was made, DHS still has not produced a single email communication regarding its work in Puerto Rico. On February 6, 2018, Ranking Member Cummings and Interior, Energy, and Environment Subcommittee Ranking Member Stacey Plaskett wrote to request that you obtain documents related to FEMA's "failure to provide tens of millions of emergency meals to U.S. citizens who were victims of the hurricanes in Puerto Rico" by issuing a subpoena or allowing a vote.⁵

(3) <u>White House Withholding Information on Deadly Niger Ambush:</u>

On October 25, 2017, Ranking Member Cummings sent a letter to the White House requesting a briefing to answer crucial questions regarding the deadly ambush in Niger on October 4, 2017, that killed four U.S. Special Forces troops. The White House did not respond. On November 9, 2017, in response to a bipartisan request from you and Ranking Member Cummings, the Department of Defense (DOD) provided a classified briefing during which Committee Members asked basic questions about the President's knowledge of, and response to, the ambush, but DOD officials were not able to answer these questions. On February 21, 2018, Ranking Member Cummings wrote to ask that you join in requesting key documents from White House to address these critical unanswered questions related to the Niger ambush. You never responded.⁶

³ Letter from Ranking Member Elijah E. Cummings to Chairman Trey Gowdy, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (Mar. 9, 2018) (online at https://democratsoversight.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/2018-03-09.EEC%20to%20Gowdy%20re.%20Subpoena%20Request%20after%20WH%20SC%20Response.pdf).

⁴ Letter from Chairman Trey Gowdy and Ranking Member Elijah E. Cummings, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to Acting Secretary Elaine C. Duke, Department of Homeland Security (Oct. 11, 2017) (online at https://oversight.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/2017-10-11-TG-EEC-to-Duke-DHS-Hurricane-Document-Request.pdf).

⁵ Letter from Ranking Member Elijah E. Cummings and Rep. Stacey Plaskett to Chairman Trey Gowdy, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (Feb. 6, 2018) (online at https://democratsoversight.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/2018-02-06.EEC%20%26%20Plaskett%20to%20Gowdy%20re.FEMA-Tribute%20Contracting.pdf).

⁶ Letter from Ranking Member Elijah E. Cummings to Chairman Trey Gowdy, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (Feb. 21, 2018) (online at https://democratsoversight.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/2018-02-21.EEC%20to%20Gowdy%20re%20WH%20Niger.pdf).

⁽Feb. 16, 2018) (online at http://apps.washingtonpost.com/g/documents/politics/read-kellys-memo-of-proposed-changes-to-white-house-security-clearance-process/2777/).

(4) <u>CBP Withholding Documents on Allegations of Sexual Assault by CBP Employees:</u>

On May 15, 2017, then-Chairman Chaffetz, Ranking Member Cummings, Government Operations Subcommittee Chairman Mark Meadows, Government Operations Subcommittee Ranking Member Gerald Connolly, National Security Subcommittee Chairman Ron DeSantis, and National Security Subcommittee Ranking Member Stephen Lynch sent a letter to Kevin K. McAleenan, the Acting Commissioner of Customs and Border Protection (CBP), requesting seven categories of information and documents related to allegations of sexual assault by CBP employees at Newark Liberty International Airport.⁷ CBP produced documents from only one category—policy documents—but did not produce any documents related to the sexual assault allegations. On February 21, 2018, Ranking Member Cummings, Ranking Member Connolly, and Ranking Member Lynch wrote to request that you issue a subpoena to compel production of these documents or allow a vote.⁸

(5) Agencies Withholding Identities of Regulatory Reform Task Force Members:

On August 7, 2017, Ranking Member Cummings, Subcommittee Ranking Member Connolly, Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler, and Judiciary Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law Ranking Member David Cicilline sent a letter to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) requesting the names of individuals serving on Regulatory Reform Task Forces within executive branch agencies. Executive Order 13777 required each agency to create a Task Force to "evaluate existing regulations," "make recommendations to the agency head regarding their repeal, replacement, or modification," and identify regulations that "eliminate jobs, or inhibit job creation," "are outdated, unnecessary, or ineffective," or "impose costs that exceed benefits."⁹ Task Force members have the potential to alter federal policy to benefit corporate and other interests rather than the interests of the American people. When OMB did not respond, the same Members wrote on February 7, 2018, to 12 executive branch agencies that had not provided the names of the members of their Task Forces.¹⁰ Six agencies still have not provided the information. On February 23, 2018,

⁸ Letter from Ranking Member Elijah E. Cummings, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Ranking Member Gerald E. Connolly, Subcommittee on Government Operations, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and Ranking Member Stephen F. Lynch, Subcommittee on National Security, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to Chairman Trey Gowdy, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (Feb. 21, 2018) (online at https://democratsoversight.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/2018-02-

21.EEC%20Connolly%20Lynch%20to%20Gowdy%20re.U.S.%20Customs%20and%20Border%20Protection.pdf).

⁹ Exec. Order No. 13777, *Presidential Executive Order on Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda* (Feb. 24, 2017), 82 Fed. Reg. 12285 (Mar. 1, 2017) (online at www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/03/01/2017-04107/enforcing-the-regulatory-reform-agenda).

¹⁰ See, e.g., Letter from Ranking Member Elijah E. Cummings, House Committee on Oversight and

⁷ Letter from Chairman Jason Chaffetz, Ranking Member Elijah E. Cummings, et al., House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to Acting Commissioner Kevin K. McAleenan, Customs and Border Protection (May 15, 2017) (online at https://oversight.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/2017-05-15-JC-EC-MM-GC-RD-SL-to-McAleenan-CBP-Newark-Airport-Incident-....pdf).

Ranking Member Cummings sent a letter requesting that you issue subpoenas to compel the production of this information from the remaining agencies or allow a vote.¹¹

(6) <u>DOD Withholding Documents on Federal Response to Hurricanes:</u>

On October 11, 2017, the Committee sent a bipartisan letter to DOD seeking documents and communications related to its preparation for, and response to, Hurricanes Irma and Maria in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.¹² In the past four months, DOD has made only one production, on December 19, 2017, and this production included only a few pages of email communications. DOD has provided no timeline for when it will provide the remaining documents. On February 26, 2018, Ranking Member Cummings wrote to request that you issue a subpoena or allow a vote.¹³

(7) <u>HHS Withholding Documents on Collaboration with Right-Wing Group to Rescind</u> <u>Medicaid Freedom-of-Choice Letter:</u>

On February 12, 2018, Ranking Member Cummings sent a letter to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) after a whistleblower provided documents indicating that an extreme right-wing anti-choice group, Alliance Defending Freedom, was behind a rushed effort by the Trump Administration to send a letter to state Medicaid directors on January 19, 2018, rescinding an Obama Administration policy protecting against attempts to terminate Planned Parenthood as a healthcare provider for Medicaid beneficiaries. Ranking Member Cummings requested that HHS provide documents relating to its contacts with Alliance Defending Freedom, as well as the internal approval process for the January 19, 2018, letter. HHS did not respond. On February 27, 2018, Ranking

oversight.house.gov/sites/democrats,oversight.house.gov/files/2018-02-23.EEC%20to%20Gowdy%20re.%20Subpoena%20Request%20to%208%20agencies%20Reg.%20Reform%20Task %20Forces.pdf) (The six agencies that have not provided the information are the Department of Commerce, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Justice, Department of Labor, Department of State, and Small Business Administration).

¹² Letter from Chairman Trey Gowdy and Ranking Member Elijah E. Cummings, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to Secretary James N. Mattis, Department of Defense (Oct. 11, 2017) (online at https://oversight.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/2017-10-11-TG-EEC-to-Mattis-DOD-Hurricane-Document-Request.pdf).

¹³ Letter from Ranking Member Elijah E. Cummings to Chairman Trey Gowdy, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (Feb. 26, 2018) (online at https://democrats-

Government Reform, et al., to Secretary Wilbur Ross, Department of Commerce (Feb. 7, 2018) (online at democrats-oversight.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/2018-02-07.EEC%20Nadler%20Connollly%20Cicilline%20to%20Ross-

DOC%20re%20Reg%20Reform%20Task%20Force1.pdf).

¹¹ Letter from Ranking Member Elijah E. Cummings to Chairman Trey Gowdy, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (Feb. 23, 2018) (online at democrats-

oversight.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/2018-02-

^{26.}EEC%20to%20Gowdy%20re.%20DOD%20Subpoena%20Request%20re.Hurricanes%20Irma%20and%20Maria .pdf).

Member Cummings wrote to request that you issue subpoenas to compel the production of these documents or allow a vote.¹⁴

(8) DOI Withholding Documents on Reassignment of Employees:

On October 11, 2017, Ranking Member Cummings wrote to the Department of the Interior requesting documents about the reassignment of career civil servants, the costs associated with these reassignments, and how the reassignments serve taxpayer interests.¹⁵ The Department confirmed that it reassigned 33 employees—15% of the career Senior Executive Service—but it produced only 176 pages of documents, including a nearly 60-page photocopy of the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978, which Congress passed 40 years ago.¹⁶ The Department failed to produce any documents about the costs of the reassignments or any communications explaining how these reassignments would serve taxpayer interests. The Department also failed to respond to inquiries about when—or whether—it plans to produce the remaining documents. On February 27, 2018, Ranking Member Cummings wrote to request that you issue a subpoena to compel the production of these remaining documents or allow a vote.¹⁷

(9) <u>DOJ Withholding Documents on Communications with White House on AT&T</u> <u>Time-Warner Merger</u>:

On February 8, 2018, Ranking Member Cummings, Subcommittee Ranking Member Connolly, Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler, and Judiciary Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law Ranking Member David Cicilline wrote to Attorney General Jeff Sessions requesting documents and communications relating to the decision to sue AT&T, DirectTV Group Holdings LLC, and Time Warner, including whether any White House employees or advisors to the President communicated with the Department of Justice (DOJ) about its decision.¹⁸ The

¹⁵ Letter from Ranking Member Elijah E. Cummings, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to Secretary Ryan Zinke, Department of the Interior (Oct. 6, 2017) (online at www.democrats-oversight.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/documents/2017-10-09.EEC%20to%20Zinke-DOI%20re%20SES%20Joel%20Clement_0.pdf).

¹⁶ Letter from Mary Pletcher, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Human Capital and Diversity, Chief Human Capital Officer, Department of the Interior, to Ranking Member Elijah E. Cummings, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (Dec. 4, 2017) (online at online at https://democrats-oversight.house.gov/files/Redact.1.pdf).

¹⁷ Letter from Ranking Member Elijah E. Cummings to Chairman Trey Gowdy, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (Feb. 27, 2018) (online at https://democratsoversight.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/2018-02-27.EEC%20to%20TG%20re.%20Reassignment%20of%20SES%20employees%20and%20other%20civil%20s...,pd

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¹⁸ Letter from Ranking Member Elijah E. Cummings, House Committee on Oversight and Government

¹⁴ Letter from Ranking Member Elijah E. Cummings to Chairman Trey Gowdy, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (Feb. 27, 2018) (online at https://democratsoversight.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/2018-02-27.EEC%20to%20TG%20re.Planned%20Parenthood.pdf).

Department failed to produce any documents. In addition, the Attorney General refused to answer whether he had discussed the merger with anyone at the White House when asked by Ranking Member Cicilline at a hearing on November 14, 2017.¹⁹ On March 1, 2018, Ranking Member Cummings and Ranking Member Connolly wrote to request that you issue a subpoena to compel production of these documents or allow a vote.²⁰

(10) <u>TIGTA Withholding Response to Complaint</u>:

On February 26, 2015, Ranking Member Connolly and Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Job Creation, and Regulatory Affairs Ranking Member Matthew Cartwright sent a letter to Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration J. Russell George requesting the response he reportedly submitted to the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) addressing the allegations made in the Members' February 5, 2014 complaint.²¹ That complaint detailed serious concerns that TIGTA did not comply with generally accepted government auditing standards in the production of its partisan and flawed audit report entitled, *Inappropriate Criteria Were Used to Identify Tax-Exempt Applications for Review*. The February 2015 request for Inspector General George's response followed an initial staff level request of September 17, 2014, that was

¹⁹ House Committee on the Judiciary, *Hearing on Oversight of the Department of Justice* (Nov 14, 2017) (online at https://judiciary.house.gov/hearing/oversight-department-justice-2017)

²⁰ Letter from Ranking Member Elijah E. Cummings, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and Ranking Member Gerald E. Connolly, Subcommittee on Government Operations, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to Chairman Trey Gowdy, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (Mar. 1, 2018) (online at https://democrats-

oversight.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/2018-03-

01.EEC%20Connolly%20to%20TG%20re.ATT%20%26Time%20Warner%20Merger.pdf)

²¹ Letter from Ranking Member Gerald E. Connolly, Subcommittee on Government Operations, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and Ranking Member Matthew Cartwright, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Job Creation, and Regulatory Affairs, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. to J. Russell George, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (Feb. 26, 2015) (online at https://democrats-oversight.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/2015-02-26.Connolly%20Cartwright%20to%20George-TIGTA%20re%20Response%20to%20CIGIE%20Requ...,pdf). See also Letter from Ranking Member Gerald E. Connolly, Subcommittee on Government Operations, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and Ranking Member Matthew Cartwright, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Job Creation, and Regulatory Affairs, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to Beth Cobert, Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget, and Executive Chair, Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, Phyllis K. Fong, Inspector General, Department of Agriculture and Chair, Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, and Joseph S. Campbell, Deputy Assistant Director, Criminal Investigative Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation and Chair of Integrity Committee, Council of Inspectors General on Integrity & Efficiency (Feb. 5, 2014) (online at https://connolly.house.gov/uploads/connolly-cartwright%20complaint%20-%20cigie%20-%2002%2005%202014.pdf).

Reform, Ranking Member Gerald E. Connolly, Subcommittee on Government Operations, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler, House Committee on the Judiciary, and Ranking Member David N. Cicilline, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, House Committee on the Judiciary, to Attorney General Jeff Sessions, Department of Justice (Feb. 8, 2017) (online at https://democrats-oversight.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/documents/2018-02-08.EEC%20Nadler%20Cicilline%20Connolly%20to%20Sessions%20re%20CNN.pdf)

met with assurances from TIGTA staff of a timely reply. To date, however, Inspector General George has repeatedly refused to provide his response. On March 1, 2018, Ranking Members Cummings, Connolly, and Cartwright wrote to request that you issue a subpoena or allow a vote.²²

(11) USDA Withholding Documents on Communications with Corporate Lobbyists:

In September 2017, Rebeckah Adcock, a Senior Advisor to the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, met with Committee staff about the agency's Regulatory Reform Task Force. At that meeting, Committee staff asked her to provide the identities of the members of the Task Force, but she refused to do so. On November 14, 2017, the Committee held a joint subcommittee hearing, during which Ms. Adcock was asked why she had refused. She responded, "It is my understanding that the list has been forwarded to the Committee through our office of Congressional relations."²³ In fact, Republican Committee staff reported that that the list was provided that morning. When Democratic Members were informed of this fact, they asked Ms. Adcock, "You aren't sure when it was submitted?" She responded, "I'm not sure."²⁴ Later that afternoon, Committee Member Bonnie Watson Coleman sent a letter to Ms. Adcock requesting answers to several questions and copies of documents regarding agency officials' communication with corporate lobbyists.²⁵ The Department never responded. On March 9, 2018, Ranking Member Cummings and Rep. Watson Coleman sent a letter requesting that you issue a subpoena or allow a vote.²⁶

(12) <u>Trump Foundation Withholding Documents on Transfer of Assets to Disqualified</u> <u>Person</u>:

On November 22, 2016, Ranking Member Cummings sent a letter to the Donald J. Trump Foundation's counsel, Sheri A. Dillon of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP.

²³ House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Reform and Subcommittee on Healthcare, Benefits, and Administrative Rules, *Joint Hearing on Regulatory Reform Task Forces Check-In: Part II* (Nov. 14, 2017).

²⁴ Id.

²⁵ Letter from Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to Rebeckah Adcock, Senior Advisor, Department of Agriculture (Nov. 14, 2017) (online at democrats-oversight.house.gov/files/2017-11-14.Bonnie%20Watson-Coleman%20to%20Adcock-DoA%20re%20QFRs.pdf).

²⁶ Letter from Ranking Member Elijah E. Cummings and Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman to Chairman Trey Gowdy, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (Mar. 9, 2018) (online at https://democrats-oversight.house.gov/files/2018-03-09.EEC%20Watson-Coleman%20to%20Gowdy%20re%20Adcock%20Subpoena%20Request.pdf).

²² Letter from Ranking Member Elijah E. Cummings, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Ranking Member Gerald E. Connolly, Subcommittee on Government Operations, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and Rep. Matthew Cartwright, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to Chairman Trey Gowdy, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (Mar. 1, 2018) (online at https://democrats-oversight.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/2018-03-01.EEC%20Connolly%20Cartwright%20to%20TG%20re.TIGTA%20Subpoena%20Request.pdf).

requesting documents related to multiple instances of apparent self-dealing in violation of legal prohibitions against using charitable funds to benefit its leaders, their family members, or other disqualified individuals.²⁷ The Foundation's 2015 tax filings to the Internal Revenue Service indicate that it provided income or assets to a disqualified individual or individuals in 2015 and at least one prior year.²⁸ On December 5, 2016, Ms. Dillon sent a letter declining to provide any information on behalf of the Foundation.²⁹ On March 12, 2018, Ranking Member Cummings wrote to request that you issue a subpoena to compel the production of these documents or allow a vote.³⁰

(13) <u>Subpoena to Jared Kushner for Testimony at Emergency Hearing on Conflicts of</u> <u>Interest and Security Clearances</u>:

On March 7, 2018, Vice Ranking Member Connolly sent you a letter requesting that the Committee hold an emergency hearing on Senior Advisor to the President Jared Kushner's conflicts of interest and failure to obtain a permanent security clearance, and that you issue a subpoena to compel Mr. Kushner's testimony.³¹ This request followed numerous news reports that Mr. Kushner may have used his position at the White House to benefit his family's business interests and that foreign governments may be attempting to use Mr. Kushner's business debts to gain leverage within the Administration. For more than a year, Mr. Kushner also was given access to our nation's most sensitive and highly classified national security information—the President's Daily Brief—despite the fact that he failed to obtain a permanent security clearance and that he repeatedly failed to report his foreign contacts and foreign business interests on his security clearance application. You never responded to this request, so we now request that you allow a vote on this subpoena.

For the reasons set forth above, we respectfully request that you place these 13 motions for subpoenas on the agenda for our business meeting on March 15, 2018. Thank you for your consideration of our request.

²⁹ Letter from Sheri A. Dillon, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, to Ranking Member Elijah E. Cummings, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (Dec. 5, 2016) (online at https://democrats-oversight.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/D.R.pdf).

³⁰ Letter from Ranking Member Elijah E. Cummings to Chairman Trey Gowdy, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (Mar. 12, 2018) (online at https://democratsoversight.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/2018-03-12.EEC%20to%20TG%20re.Trump%20Foundation.pdf).

³¹ Letter from Vice Ranking Member Gerald E. Connolly to Chairman Trey Gowdy, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (Mar. 7, 2018) (online at https://connolly.house.gov/uploadedfiles/connolly request kushner hearing.pdf).

²⁷ Letter from Ranking Member Elijah E. Cummings, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to Sheri A. Dillon, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP (Nov. 22, 2016) (online at https://democratsoversight.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/2016-11-22.EEC%20to%20Dillon%20re%20Trump%20Foundation.pdf).

²⁸ Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service, *Return of Private Foundation* (2015) (Form 990-PF) (online at https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/3224099/Trump-Foundation-2015-tax-filing.pdf),

Sincerely,

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