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House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND REFORM

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April 17, 2019

Mr. Stephen Miller  
Senior Advisor for Policy  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Miller:

I am writing to request that you appear at a hearing before the Committee on Oversight and Reform on May 1, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

I am inviting you to testify before the Committee because it appears that you are one of the primary moving forces behind some of the most significant—and in my view, troubling—immigration policies coming out of the Trump White House.

I want to make clear that I am inviting you to appear voluntarily. I am offering you an opportunity to make your case to the Committee and the American people about why you—and presumably President Trump—believe it is good policy for the Trump Administration to take the actions it has, including intentionally separating immigrant children from their parents at the border to deter them from coming to the United States,<sup>1</sup> transferring asylum seekers to sanctuary cities as a form of illegal retribution against your political adversaries,<sup>2</sup> and firing top Administration officials who refuse orders to violate the law.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *The Outrage Over Family Separations Is Exactly What Stephen Miller Wants*, The Atlantic (June 19, 2018) (online at [www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2018/06/stephen-miller-family-separation/563132/](http://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2018/06/stephen-miller-family-separation/563132/)); *Trump Administration Weighs New Family-Separation Effort at Border*, Washington Post (Oct. 12, 2018) (online at [www.washingtonpost.com/local/immigration/trump-administration-weighs-new-family-separation-effort-at-border/2018/10/12/45895cce-cd7b-11e8-920f-dd52e1ae4570\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/immigration/trump-administration-weighs-new-family-separation-effort-at-border/2018/10/12/45895cce-cd7b-11e8-920f-dd52e1ae4570_story.html)); *Trump Signals Even Fiercer Immigration Agenda, With a Possible Return of Family Separations*, New York Times (Apr. 8, 2019) (online at [www.nytimes.com/2019/04/08/us/politics/trump-asylum-seekers-federal-judge.html](http://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/08/us/politics/trump-asylum-seekers-federal-judge.html)).

<sup>2</sup> *White House Considered Releasing Migrants in 'Sanctuary Cities'*, New York Times (Apr. 11, 2019) (online at [www.nytimes.com/2019/04/11/us/politics/sanctuary-cities-trump.html](http://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/11/us/politics/sanctuary-cities-trump.html)); *Trump Confirms He's Looking at Releasing Detained Immigrants into So-called Sanctuary Cities*, CNN (Apr. 12, 2019) (online at [www.cnn.com/2019/04/11/politics/immigrant-detainees-sanctuary-cities/index.html](http://www.cnn.com/2019/04/11/politics/immigrant-detainees-sanctuary-cities/index.html)).

<sup>3</sup> *Stephen Miller Wants Trump to Oust More Senior Leaders at Homeland Security*, CNN (Apr. 8, 2019) (online at [www.cnn.com/2019/04/08/politics/miller-nielsen-trump-immigration-homeland-security/index.html](http://www.cnn.com/2019/04/08/politics/miller-nielsen-trump-immigration-homeland-security/index.html)); *Stephen Miller Pressuring Trump Officials Amid Immigration Shakeups*, Politico (Apr. 8, 2019) (online at [www.politico.com/story/2019/04/07/stephen-miller-trump-immigration-1260431](http://www.politico.com/story/2019/04/07/stephen-miller-trump-immigration-1260431)); *Trump Ditches His Nominee to Lead ICE, Saying He Wants Someone 'Tougher' for Top Immigration Enforcement Role*, Washington Post (Apr. 5,

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I understand that you are a White House employee and a top advisor to the President. I also understand that there may be reticence on the part of some within the White House to allow you to testify. They may try to argue that White House advisors do not testify before Congress, while ignoring the precedent of our Committee, including the public testimony of a White House Chief of Staff, at least three White House Counsels, a Special Counsel to the President, and numerous other Assistants to the President.<sup>4</sup>

Finally, I understand that you may not want to submit yourself to rigorous questioning by a full panel of Committee Members, some of whom have grave concerns about your views and your actions. However, since President Trump recently announced that you are “in charge of handling all immigration and border affairs,” it makes sense for Congress to hear directly from you about how federal agencies are implementing your policies.

The Committee on Oversight and Reform is the principal oversight committee of the House of Representatives and has broad authority to investigate “any matter” at “any time” under House Rule X. In addition, House Rule X, clause 3(i) specifically charges the Committee with conducting oversight of “the operation of Government activities at all levels, including the Executive Office of the President.”

Please respond to this invitation by April 24, 2019, to inform the Committee whether you will agree to testify. The enclosed Witness Instruction Sheet provides information for witnesses appearing before the Committee. Please note the procedures for submitting written testimony at least two business days prior to the hearing. If you have questions, please contact Committee staff at (202) 225-5051.

Sincerely,



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Elijah E. Cummings  
Chairman

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Jim Jordan, Ranking Member

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2019) (online at [www.washingtonpost.com/immigration/trump-ditches-his-nominee-to-lead-ice-says-he-wants-someone-tougher-for-top-immigration-enforcement-role/2019/04/05/c184cc6a-57bd-11e9-9136-f8e636f1f6df\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/immigration/trump-ditches-his-nominee-to-lead-ice-says-he-wants-someone-tougher-for-top-immigration-enforcement-role/2019/04/05/c184cc6a-57bd-11e9-9136-f8e636f1f6df_story.html)).

<sup>4</sup> Democratic Staff, Committee on Government Reform, *Congressional Oversight of the Clinton Administration* (Jan. 17, 2006) (online at [wayback.archive-it.org/4949/20141031200116/http://oversight-archive.waxman.house.gov/documents/20060117103516-91336.pdf](http://wayback.archive-it.org/4949/20141031200116/http://oversight-archive.waxman.house.gov/documents/20060117103516-91336.pdf)); *Presidential Advisers' Testimony Before Congressional Committees: An Overview*, Congressional Research Service (Dec. 15, 2014) (online at [www.everycrsreport.com/files/20141215\\_RL31351\\_a9513e258b8605848db6876538603c9873e7e83b.pdf](http://www.everycrsreport.com/files/20141215_RL31351_a9513e258b8605848db6876538603c9873e7e83b.pdf)).

**Witness Instruction Sheet**  
**Governmental Witnesses**

1. Witnesses should provide their testimony via e-mail to Oversight\_Clerks@mail.house.gov no later than 10:00 a.m. two business days prior to the hearing.
2. Witnesses should also provide a short biographical summary and include it with the electronic copy of testimony provided to the Clerk.
3. At the hearing, each witness will be asked to summarize his or her written testimony in five minutes or less in order to maximize the time available for discussion and questions. Written testimony will be entered into the hearing record and may extend to any reasonable length.
4. Written testimony will be made publicly available and will be posted on the Committee's website.
5. The Committee does not provide financial reimbursement for witness travel or accommodations. Witnesses with extenuating circumstances, however, may submit a written request for such reimbursements to Robin Butler, Financial Administrator, 2157 Rayburn House Office Building, at least one week prior to the hearing. Reimbursements will not be made without prior approval.
6. Witnesses with disabilities should contact Committee staff to arrange any necessary accommodations.
7. Please note that Committee Rule 16(b) requires counsel representing an individual or entity before the Committee or any of its subcommittees, whether in connection with a request, subpoena, or testimony, promptly submit the attached notice of appearance to the Committee.

For inquiries regarding these rules and procedures, please contact the Committee on Oversight and Reform at (202) 225-5051.

# Truth in Testimony Disclosure Form

In accordance with Rule XI, clause 2(g)(5)\*, of the *Rules of the House of Representatives*, witnesses are asked to disclose the following information. Please complete this form electronically by filling in the provided blanks.

Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Subcommittee: \_\_\_\_\_

Hearing Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Hearing :

Witness Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Type:    Governmental    Non-governmental

Are you representing yourself or an organization?    Self    Organization

If you are representing an organization, please list what entity or entities you are representing:

If you are a **non-governmental witness**, please list any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) related to the hearing's subject matter that you or the organization(s) you represent at this hearing received in the current calendar year and previous two calendar years. Include the source and amount of each grant or contract. *If necessary, attach additional sheet(s) to provide more information.*

If you are a **non-governmental witness**, please list any contracts or payments originating with a foreign government and related to the hearing's subject matter that you or the organization(s) you represent at this hearing received in the current year and previous two calendar years. Include the amount and country of origin of each contract or payment. *If necessary, attach additional sheet(s) to provide more information.*

### **False Statements Certification**

Knowingly providing material false information to this committee/subcommittee, or knowingly concealing material information from this committee/subcommittee, is a crime (18 U.S.C. § 1001). This form will be made part of the hearing record.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**If you are a non-governmental witness, please ensure that you attach the following documents to this disclosure. Check both boxes to acknowledge that you have done so.**

- Written statement of proposed testimony
- Curriculum vitae

\*Rule XI, clause 2(g)(5), of the U.S. House of Representatives provides:

(5)(A) Each committee shall, to the greatest extent practicable, require witnesses who appear before it to submit in advance written statements of proposed testimony and to limit their initial presentations to the committee to brief summaries thereof.

(B) In the case of a witness appearing in a nongovernmental capacity, a written statement of proposed testimony shall include a curriculum vitae and a disclosure of any Federal grants or contracts, or contracts or payments originating with a foreign government, received during the current calendar year or either of the two previous calendar years by the witness or by an entity represented by the witness and related to the subject matter of the hearing.

(C) The disclosure referred to in subdivision (B) shall include—

(i) the amount and source of each Federal grant (or subgrant thereof) or contract (or subcontract thereof) related to the subject matter of the hearing; and

(ii) the amount and country of origin of any payment or contract related to the subject matter of the hearing originating with a foreign government.

(D) Such statements, with appropriate redactions to protect the privacy or security of the witness, shall be made publicly available in electronic form not later than one day after the witness appears.