

October 25, 2017

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Chairman, Committee on Oversight
and Government Reform
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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If you need any additional information, please contact me at (301) 415-1776.

Sincerely,

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Eugene Dacus, Director
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