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Ms. Emily W. Murphy
Administrator
U.S. General Services Administration (GSA)
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Washington, DC 20405

Dear Administrator Murphy:

The General Service Administration's (GSA) response to our December 20, 2019, letter makes clear that the agency you run continues to engage in a pattern of obstruction that is damaging to the Federal government's ability to manage taxpayer funds in a transparent manner. Your refusal to comply with the lawful subpoena sent by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure is unacceptable.

In addition, we have ongoing questions about GSA's management of its leasing and outleasing program. Specifically, the Trump Organization has publicly stated its intention to sell its lease of the Old Post Office Building. Multiple news outlets have reported that the Trump Organization has set a bid deadline of January 23, 2020, for interest in purchasing the lease. We have serious concerns that this potential sale could result in violations of the Emoluments Clauses, national security risks, and ethics questions.


Therefore, we request that you join us at a public hearing of the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management on Tuesday, January 28, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. in 2165 Rayburn House Office Building. We additionally request the presence of Acting Public Building Service Deputy Commissioner Allison Azevedo and Lease Contracting Officer Kevin Terry. Formal invitations to you, Ms. Azevedo, and Mr. Terry will be issued in conjunction with this letter. In addition to discussing GSA's development and execution of the OPO lease, we will examine GSA's role in the Trump Organization's current effort to sell the OPO lease.

Please confirm your willingness to voluntarily appear at this hearing by Tuesday, January 14, 2020. Your staff should contact Ann Jacobs of the Majority staff on the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management with any questions about your appearance.

Sincerely,



PETER A. DeFAZIO
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