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**House of Representatives**

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The Honorable Beth Cobert  
Acting Director  
U.S. Office of Personnel Management  
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Dear Ms. Cobert:

Documents and information obtained by the Committee, including testimony from witnesses at three hearings, raised a number of questions about the recently disclosed security breaches at the Office of Personnel Management.<sup>1</sup> The Committee's investigation of OPM's actions both before and after the breaches is ongoing. As such, the Committee requested OPM to produce documents and communications that will help the Committee understand how the breaches were discovered, among other things.

So that a full and complete record of relevant documents and communications can be produced to the Committee in response to any request, please preserve all records related to OPM data security, including, but not limited to, records related to:

- each breach or intrusion that led to the exfiltration and/or exposure of personally-identifiable information and/or information security document(s) or manual(s) that is/are maintained by the Office of Personnel Management and/or its contractors;
- the detection of each such breach or intrusion;
- efforts to remediate each such breach or intrusion; and services provided to those affected by each such data breach or intrusion;
- decisions regarding the implementation of the recommendations by the Office of Inspector General in annual Federal Information Security Management Act reports;
- the infrastructure improvement project; and
- general cybersecurity practices at OPM.

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<sup>1</sup> H. Comm. on Oversight & Gov't Reform, *Hearing on OPM: Data Breach*, 114th Cong. (June 16, 2015); H. Comm. on Oversight & Gov't Reform, *Hearing on OPM Data Breach: Part II*, 114th Cong. (June 24, 2015); H. Comm. on Oversight & Gov't Reform, *Hearing on Cybersecurity: The Department of Interior*, 114th Cong. (July 15, 2015).

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Please provide the Committee with a detailed explanation of what actions you have taken to ensure all records related to this investigation are preserved, including a copy of the preservation notice or other written guidance to employees and contractors pursuant to this request. Please contact Jennifer Hemingway and Troy Stock of the Majority staff at (202) 225-5074 with any questions about this request.

Sincerely,



Jason Chaffetz  
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings, Ranking Member