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Mr. Victor Wahba
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Dear Mr. Wahba:

We are in receipt of a letter addressed to you from Chairman Elijah E. Cummings, dated March 20, 2019.¹ We write to express to you our concerns with the Chairman's inquiry as exceeding the Committee's legislative authority under House Rule X.²

As we understand the focus of the Chairman's request, he is seeking information and material about President Trump's personal finances going back ten years in time—well before the President was even a candidate for federal office.³ As articulated by the Chairman, his inquiry does not appear to have a valid legislative purpose and instead seems to seek information to embarrass a private individual.

The Chairman did not consult with the Republican members of the Committee before initiating his inquiry. We have since relayed our concerns to the Chairman; however, we believe it is prudent to inform you on this matter as well. If you have any questions, please contact Committee staff at (202) 225-5074. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Jim Jordan
Ranking Member



Mark Meadows
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Government Operations

cc: The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings, Chairman

¹ Letter from Elijah E. Cummings, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight & Reform, to Victor Wahba, Chairman and Chief Exec. Off., Mazars USA LLP (Mar. 20, 2019).

² See House Rule X.

³ Letter from Elijah E. Cummings, *supra* note 1.