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Dear Mr. Bloch:

Pursuant to Rules X and XI of the United States House of Representatives, the Committee on Energy and Commerce and Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations are investigating allegations regarding Johnnie Frazier, the Inspector General of the Department of Commerce, and a number of other senior officials in his office. Attached are two recent letters sent by the Committee requesting records from the Department of Commerce and the Inspector General for your review.

We have learned that the Office of Special Counsel (OSC) has received a number of complaints that may be relevant to our inquiry. We have also received allegations from employees with the Inspector General's office that raise concerns that one or more individuals within that office may have attempted to destroy or alter official records that may be relevant to your investigations.

We are interested in the status of your investigation, and given the gravity of the matter, we hope the OSC will work expeditiously to conclude its review and report its findings. In the interim, we request that the OSC arrange a briefing with Committee staff at its earliest convenience.

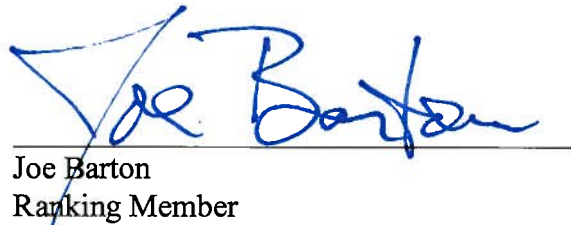
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Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this critical matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Steven C. Rangel with the Committee Majority staff at (202) 226-2424 or Alan Slobodin with the Committee Minority Staff at (202) 225-3641.

Sincerely,



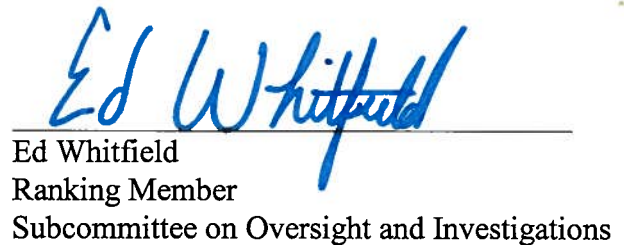
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