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April 13, 2012

Mr. Preston Burton  
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Dear Mr. Burton:

On April 9, 2012, the Committee invited your client Jeffrey Neely to testify at a hearing on April 16, 2012, titled "Addressing GSA's Culture of Wasteful Spending." The Committee will explore the hearing topic with a particular focus on the planning and execution of GSA's 2010 Western Regions Conference (WRC). Mr. Neely was one of six witnesses invited to testify. The other five agreed to appear voluntarily. You advised my staff that Mr. Neely would not appear voluntarily, and so a subpoena was issued. You accepted service of the subpoena on Mr. Neely's behalf on April 12, 2012.

By letter dated April 13, 2012, you advised that if Mr. Neely is compelled to appear at the hearing, he will "assert his constitutional privilege to remain silent."<sup>1</sup> You further requested that Mr. Neely be excused from appearing.<sup>2</sup> I write to advise that the subpoena you accepted on Mr. Neely's behalf remains in effect. The subpoena compels Mr. Neely to appear before the Committee on April 16, 2012 at 1:30 P.M.

Mr. Neely is uniquely qualified to answer questions about the WRC.<sup>4</sup> He has been invited to appear with the expectation that his testimony will advance the Committee's investigation of wasteful spending by GSA. The Committee requires Mr. Neely's appearance because of, among other reasons, the possibility that he will waive or not assert the privilege as

<sup>1</sup> Letter from Preston Burton to Chairman Darrell Issa (Apr. 13, 2012) at 1.

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

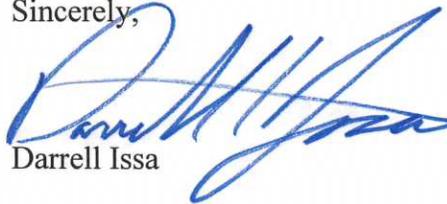
<sup>4</sup> See, e.g., Ed O'Keefe and Timothy R. Smith, *GSA manager wanted 'over the top' Vegas conference*, WASH. POST, Apr. 5, 2012; GOV'T EXEC., *The man at the heart of the GSA scandal*, Apr. 6, 2012.

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to some or all questions, the possibility that the Committee will agree to hear his testimony in executive session, and the possibility that the Committee will immunize his testimony under 18 U.S.C. § 6005.

Please contact the Committee staff at (202) 225-5074 with any additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Darrell Issa", is written over the word "Sincerely,". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Darrell Issa

cc: The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings