

Washington, DC (June 11, 2012) – Representative Elijah E. Cummings, Ranking Member of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, issued the following statement today in response to the Committee’s official notice scheduling a business meeting next week to consider holding Attorney General Eric H. Holder, Jr. in contempt of Congress.

“It is unfortunate that the Committee scheduled a contempt vote against the Attorney General when federal law prohibits him from turning over many of the subpoenaed documents, but I am guardedly optimistic that a path forward exists that will serve the legitimate interests of the Committee in conducting rigorous oversight, protect the legitimate interests of the Department in its ongoing investigations and prosecutions, and avoid the needless politicization of this very serious issue.”