

Washington DC (June 18, 2012)—Today, Rep. Elijah E. Cummings, Ranking Member of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, issued the following statement in response to a [letter](#) from Attorney General Eric Holder to the Committee proposing an in-person meeting on Tuesday, June 19, to finalize a proposed agreement between the Department and the Committee to avoid a contempt vote scheduled for this Wednesday:

I am encouraged that the Committee has taken off the table its demands for documents the Attorney General is prohibited by law from producing to the Committee, and I am also encouraged that the Attorney General has now offered a second, significant accommodation for documents relating to its letter to Senator Grassley on February 4, 2011. Last week, the Chairman asked for a “serious proposal” on these documents, and the Attorney General gave us one the next day. I look forward to our meeting tomorrow with the Attorney General to finalize the terms of this proposed agreement, and I see no reason to proceed with contempt given these positive developments.