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October 17, 2019

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The Honorable Sam Graves
Ranking Member
House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
2164 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ranking Member Graves:

This letter is to provide notice and serve as consultation with you as Ranking Member of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure that the Committee may issue a subpoena to the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) for certain documents related to the GSA's lease of the Old Post Office Building to Trump Old Post Office LLC. As you are aware, I initiated oversight of the lease and the implications of the President continuing to maintain a financial interest in the lease during the Obama Administration. As Chair of the Committee, I have continued to investigate potential conflict of interest and constitutional emoluments violations posed by the operation of the Trump International Hotel in a federally-owned building.

Since the beginning of this year, Committee staff have been working to obtain records in response to my January 22, 2019 letter to GSA requesting documents related to the lease.¹ GSA has refused to provide legal and financial documents in the following categories:

- "All Legal Memos or opinions created pursuant to the Old Post Office lease agreement."
- "All monthly reports submitted by the tenant describing revenues, expenses, and budgets, pursuant to the Old Post Office lease agreement."
- All "profit statements for the Trump International Hotel for 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019."

¹ Letter to GSA Administrator Emily Murphy, Jan. 22, 2019, available here: <https://transportation.house.gov/news/press-releases/chairman-defazio-rep-titus-press-gsa-on-the-repeated-refusal-to-respond-to-questions-surrounding-trumps-conflicts-of-interest>.

Ranking Member Graves

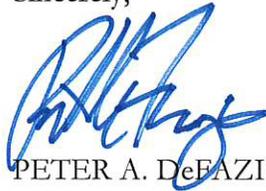
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As I mentioned in the letter that I sent to GSA Administrator Murphy earlier today, and copied you on, if GSA does not provide the Committee with these records by Wednesday, October 23, 2019, I intend to use the compulsory process and issue a subpoena soon after for those documents and any other documents responsive to the January 22, 2019 request letter. The Committee also reserves the right to include additional document requests in the subpoena.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Any questions regarding this request should be directed to [REDACTED] on the Majority Staff at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,



PETER A. DeFAZIO

Chair