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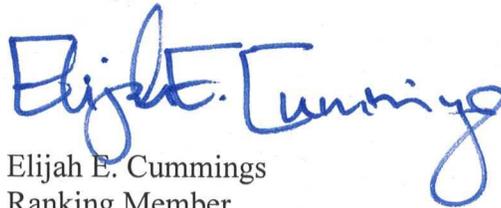
Dear Mr. Chairman:

On Thursday, April 14, 2011, the Committee will hold a hearing entitled "State and Municipal Debt: Tough Choices Ahead." The hearing will explore the fiscal condition of states and municipalities with a particular focus on public employee pension programs.

I am writing to request that the Committee invite Governor Peter Shumlin of Vermont to serve as a witness at the hearing. As the executive of a state in the process of navigating its own projected budget shortfall, Governor Shumlin will provide valuable insight as his state and the entire country continue to recover from the recent economic recession.¹ Governor Shumlin will also bring a perspective that is markedly different than that of the majority's witness, Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker, allowing the Committee to obtain a wider and more balanced range of views on these issues. Governor Shumlin has indicated that he is available and willing to testify.

Thank you for your cooperation with this request.

Sincerely,



Elijah E. Cummings
Ranking Member

¹ See, e.g., *Gov. Peter Shumlin: Fortitude Will Be Necessary to Balance Our State Budget*, Burlington Free Press (Mar. 13, 2011) (online at www.burlingtonfreepress.com/article/20110313/OPINION02/103130317/1029/SPORTS05/Gov-Peter-Shumlin-Fortitude-will-necessary-balance-our-state-budget?odyssey=nav%7Chead).