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The Honorable Jason Chaffetz
Chairman
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As my staff discussed with your staff last week, I would like to invite you and all other Members of the Oversight Committee to a forum I am hosting for Members of Congress and the public to hear from top ethics experts across the political spectrum about the unprecedented and grave conflicts of interest currently facing President-Elect Donald Trump and his incoming Administration.

The forum will be held on Wednesday, December 14, 2016, at 1 p.m. in Room 215 of the House Visitor Center. I understand that some Members may not be able to attend because they have returned home to their districts, so we have arranged for the forum to be broadcast online.

I have asked these ethics experts to discuss the steps that are necessary for Mr. Trump to avert these conflicts of interest before he takes office. Should Mr. Trump choose not to take these steps, these experts will also discuss concrete actions that Congress must take in order to fulfill our Constitutional obligation to conduct robust oversight in the years ahead.

As you know, I have expressed my strong preference to conduct this review in a bipartisan manner, particularly since our Committee is charged with overseeing the presidential transition process, conflict of interest laws, and the White House. I continue to believe, however, that it would be in the best interests of Mr. Trump and our nation to address these conflicts of interest well before he is sworn into office in January.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Elijah E. Cummings
Ranking Member