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May 28, 2020

The Honorable Michael R. Pence  
Vice President of the United States  
Coronavirus Task Force  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Vice President Pence,

I write regarding various outstanding requests that the Committee on Ways and Means (Committee) has sent to the Administration regarding the coronavirus pandemic. The Committee respectfully asks that, as head of the Coronavirus Task Force, you instruct the relevant agency officials to comply with these important requests.

As you are aware, Congress has a constitutional obligation to conduct oversight of the Executive Branch. As the coronavirus pandemic continues to ravage the country, robust congressional oversight is needed now more than ever. Transparency and accountability are key to safeguarding taxpayer dollars and, more importantly, to ensuring the health and safety of all Americans. Especially in these difficult times, the American people have the right to know that the Administration is faithfully and effectively administering the law.

I believe the Committee has a responsibility to ensure that the Administration remains accountable to the American people throughout this public health crisis. To that end, we have sought to conduct the rigorous oversight that is demanded of us during these unprecedented times. Unfortunately, all too often, we have had to navigate the pandemic with incomplete information from the Administration.

Enclosed are 18 urgent letters sent in the past few months to which we still await answers. The Committee requests full responses by no later than Thursday, June 4, 2020. We have a solemn duty to

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our constituents, many of whom are worried and, in too many cases, sick. This is not the time for us, or them, to be left in the dark.

Thank you, in advance, for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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Richard E. Neal  
Chairman  
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Enclosures