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**House of Representatives**

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April 19, 2024

The Honorable Jennifer Granholm  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Granholm:

I write again to invite you, in your capacity as Secretary of the Department of Energy (DOE), to testify at a hearing before the Committee on Oversight and Accountability to be held on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. ET in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

On January 23, 2024, my staff initially contacted your staff to find an agreeable date and time for your participation in a hearing to conduct general oversight over the activities of the DOE under your leadership.<sup>1</sup> On March 27, 2024, I formally wrote you requesting your participation, outlining the extensive correspondence between our staffs and explaining the scope of the hearing.<sup>2</sup> Instead of confirming your availability or seeking an alternate date, DOE offers Deputy Secretary David Turk to the Committee as the “most appropriate choice” to explain *your* leadership of the Department.<sup>3</sup>

The Committee finds this response unacceptable and requires your participation to discuss your leadership of the Department. If you do not commit to participating in front of the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability on May 15, 2024, the Committee will consider the use of compulsory process to obtain your cooperation.

To confirm your appearance at the hearing, please contact Committee on Oversight and Accountability staff at (202) 225-5074 by April 26, 2024. Please provide your written testimony at least two business days prior to the hearing. You will have the opportunity to provide a five-

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<sup>1</sup> E-mail from Committee Staff to Department of Energy Staff (Jan. 23, 2024), *on file with Committee staff*.

<sup>2</sup> Letter from James Comer, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight and Accountability, to Jennifer Granholm, Sec’y, Dep’t of Energy (Mar. 27, 2024)

<sup>3</sup> Letter from Jennifer Bumgarner, Principal Deputy Assistant Sec’y, Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, Dep’t of Energy, to James Comer, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight and Accountability (Apr. 3, 2024).

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minute opening statement prior to answering questions posed by Members.

The Committee on Oversight and Accountability is the principal oversight committee of the U.S. House of Representatives and has broad authority to investigate “any matter” at “any time” under House Rule X.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Comer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

James Comer

Chairman

Committee on Oversight and Accountability

cc: The Honorable Jamie Raskin, Ranking Member  
Committee on Oversight and Accountability