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Stefanie Feldman Director White House Office on Gun Violence Prevention 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Washington, DC 20500

Dear Director Feldman:

I am in receipt of the White House's response from Rachel Cotton¹ to my June 14, 2024, request to you.² The White House's written response was unaccompanied by any of the responsive documents I requested in my initial letter. Efforts by my staff to obtain compliance with the document request from the White House have gone unanswered.³ I am reiterating my document request and urge the White House to comply voluntarily.

As I wrote to you in my initial request letter, the Committee on Oversight and Accountability (the Committee) is investigating potential collaboration between the Biden Administration and anti-Second Amendment plaintiffs, including by leaking details of private and official meetings to Everytown for Gun Safety. Instead of responding to this serious accusation or providing the requested documents or communications, Ms. Cotton suggests that "the Committee should open a real investigation..." and opines that "the Committee's time and investigative resources would be better spent examining" other issues related to auto sears. The White House should spend more time complying with Committee requests, and less time obstructing congressional investigations into potential misconduct and misuse of office by White House officials.

The Committee remains committed to the questions raised and documents and communications requested in the initial letter. Ms. Cotton's letter and the transmittal email included no mention of a production schedule. Therefore, as an accommodation, I am reiterating my request to allow you another opportunity to cooperate. The Committee will use all tools at its disposal, including use of the compulsory process, to obtain the information the Committee

¹ Letter from Rachel F. Cotton, Deputy Counsel to the President, The White House to James Comer, Chairman, Committee on Oversight & Accountability (July 1, 2024).

² Letter from James Comer, Chairman, Committee on Oversight & Accountability to Stefanie Feldman, Director, White House Office on Gun Violence Prevention (June 14, 2024).

³ E-mail from Committee Staff to The White House (July 1, 2024).

⁴ Supra, n.2.

⁵ Supra, n.1.

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seeks. This information is necessary to conduct oversight of the Executive Branch and inform potential legislation related to the transparency of records maintained by White House staff, conflicts of interest by White House staff operating at the behest of former or future employers, and other issues of trust in government.

The initial deadline has passed on my initial request with no communication from the White House regarding document production. As such, please provide the documents I initially requested in my June 14, 2024 letter immediately. If production will not be satisfied by August 2, 2024, please contact my staff with a complete explanation of steps taken by the White House to comply with my requests and the reason or individuals responsible for any delay.

For your ready reference, the requests I previously made for documents and communications are reproduced below:

- 1. All documents and communications between any individual at the White House Office of Gun Violence Prevention, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Everytown for Gun Safety, and Everytown Law related to "auto sear(s)", "Glock switches", "machinegun conversion device ("MCD"), and "Chicago litigation".
- 2. All documents and communications between Deputy Director of the White House Office for Gun Violence Prevention Rob Wilcox and Everytown for Gun Safety President John Feinblatt.

If you have any questions, contact the Committee on Oversight and Accountability Majority staff at 202-225-5074.

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. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

James Comer

Chairman

Committee on Oversight and Accountability

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