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August 26, 2024

The Honorable Shalanda Young
Director
United States Office of Management and Budget
725 17th St, NW
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Director Young:

The Committee on Oversight and Accountability is continuing oversight of Executive Order 14019 on Promoting Access to Voting, which President Biden signed on March 7, 2021.¹ On May 13, 2024, the Committee sent you a request for documents and communications regarding the drafting, implementation, and third-party organizations involved with the order.² That request set forth a deadline of May 28, 2024, to fulfill the request and produce the relevant documents and communications. The Committee received a short letter response from Office of Management and Budget (OMB) over one month past the deadline, in which none of the requested documents or communications were produced.³ Additionally, OMB has not provided a timeline for the production of responsive documents despite several requests by Committee staff to work with your agency on this matter to obtain the requested documents and communications.

For your ready reference, the Committee previously requested the following documents and information:

1. The constitutional or statutory authority the President relied on in the drafting of the executive order;
2. All strategic plans received by the Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy from agencies as required by the executive order;
3. A list of all approved third-party organizations as designated in Section 3(a)(iii)(B) of the executive order;

¹ Exec. Order No. 14019 (2021).

² Letter from James Comer, Chair, H. Comm. On Oversight & Accountability, to Shalanda Young, Dir., U.S. Office of Management and Budget (May 13, 2024).

³ Letter from Wintta Woldemariam, Associate Dir. Of Legislative Affairs, U.S. Office of Management and Budget, to James Comer, Chair, H. Comm. On Oversight & Accountability (June 28, 2024).

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4. All documents pertaining to the criteria for approving a third-party organization under the executive order; and
5. All White House and OMB documents and communications regarding the drafting of the executive order.

The Committee reiterates its outstanding requests for the information outlined in its May 13, 2024, letter. If OMB continues to fail to produce the requested documents by September 2, 2024, the Committee will consider additional measures, including use of the compulsory process, to gain compliance and obtain this critical material.

Attached are instructions for producing the documents and information to the Committee. If you have any questions, please 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 prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Comer". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

James Comer
Chairman
Committee on Oversight and Accountability

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