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Dear Mr. Patterson:

On November 20, 2013, Subcommittee staff spoke with Federal Protective Service (FPS) Assistant Director Operations, among others, regarding the Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General (DHS OIG) investigation into FPS Regional Director, which concerned whether Mr. participated in a procurement fraud scheme involving the purchase of surveillance equipment. Thank you for making your staff available for this conversation.

On the call, Subcommittee staff and FPS staff discussed the possibility of instituting basic ethics and procurement training for FPS leadership. Given the ethical lapses that apparently occurred in the case of Mr., and the potential for similar lapses going forward, I believe that such training would be useful for FPS, and I welcome the interest and willingness of FPS officials to develop this program.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding FPS' progress in developing this training. I hope that it will serve as a model for the rest of the Department of Homeland Security and the federal government.

Please contact Brandon Reavis with the Subcommittee at (202) 224-6242 or Brandon_Reavis@hsgac.senate.gov with any questions. Please send any official correspondence relating to this request to Kelsey_Stroud@hsgac.senate.gov.

Sincerely,



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