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June 14, 2013

The Honorable Gene L. Dodaro
Comptroller General of the United States
United States Government Accountability Office
441 G Street, NW
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Dear Mr. Dodaro:

We are writing to invite you or your designee to testify before the Subcommittee on the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Federal Programs and the Federal Workforce and the Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight at a joint hearing entitled, "Safeguarding our Nation's Secrets: Examining The Security Clearance Process." The hearing will be held on Thursday, June 20, 2013 at 2:30 p.m. in Room SD-342 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to review how the federal government conducts investigations to determine whether federal employees and contractors are eligible for access to classified information. The hearing will examine the management and oversight of the federal employees and contractors responsible for planning, conducting, and reviewing investigations and issuing security clearances. The hearing will also examine the efficiency and effectiveness of the security clearance process.

Your testimony should review the Government Accountability Office's reports related to the roles of the Office of Personnel Management's Federal Investigative Services and the Defense Security Service in overseeing the access and use of classified information by federal employees and contractors, including all findings related to waste, fraud, abuse, or mismanagement. If possible, your testimony should address management and oversight of the federal employees and contractors responsible for planning, conducting, and reviewing investigations and issuing security clearances. You should be prepared to discuss the findings and implementation of recommendations from the Government Accountability Office report titled, "Personnel Security Clearances: Continuing Leadership and Attention Can Enhance Momentum Gained from Reform Effort."

We request that you summarize your testimony in 5 minutes, although a longer written statement may be submitted for the official record. This will allow adequate time for you to engage in questions and answers with members of the Subcommittee. **Subcommittee rules require that your testimony be submitted by no later than 2:30 P.M. on Tuesday, June 18, 2013.** Please send official correspondence relating to this invitation, including an electronic copy of your written statement and a brief one page biography, to Subcommittee Clerk, Kelsey Stroud, at Kelsey_Stroud@hsgac.senate.gov.

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We look forward to your participation. Please contact Tony McClain with Senator Tester's Subcommittee staff at (202) 224-6704, Cathy Yu with Senator McCaskill's Subcommittee staff at (202) 224-9383, Brent Bombach with Senator Portman's Subcommittee staff at (202) 224-2674, or Teague Lyons with Senator Johnson's Subcommittee staff at (202) 224-9453 with any questions.

Sincerely,



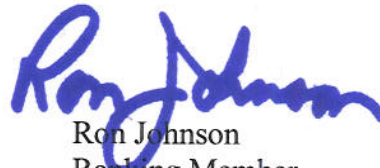
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