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The Honorable Donald F. McGahn II
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Washington, D.C. 20500

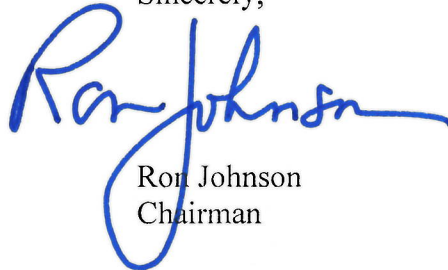
Dear Mr. McGahn:

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs has jurisdiction over federal records and national security procedures. In February 2017, I wrote to you to remind the Administration about the importance of using official government email accounts for official business.¹ I write to follow up on this issue.

The use of official email facilitates compliance with federal record-keeping requirements and promotes the security of federal information systems due to cybersecurity protections in federal law. With recent reports suggesting that some White House staff may have used personal email for official business but may have forwarded those emails to an official account, I write to respectfully request a staff-level briefing on White House compliance with federal record-keeping requirements as well as training and guidance provided to White House employees about official email practices. I ask that you kindly arrange for this briefing to occur as soon as possible but no later than October 6, 2017.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact David Brewer of Committee staff at (202) 224-4751. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ron Johnson". The signature is stylized and fluid, with the first name "Ron" and last name "Johnson" clearly legible.

Ron Johnson
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Claire McCaskill
Ranking Member

¹ Letter from Ron Johnson, Chairman, S. Comm. on Homeland Security & Gov't Affairs, to Donald F. McGahn II, White House Counsel (Feb. 3, 2017).