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August 11, 2015

Mr. Treve Suazo  
CEO  
Platte River Networks  
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Dear Mr. Suazo:

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is examining Platte River Networks' role in maintaining former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's private server during her time leading the State Department. A *Washington Post* article reported that Secretary Clinton hired Platte River Networks in 2013 to maintain the data stored on her non-official server.<sup>1</sup> Given that the server was used to conduct official State Department business, questions have been raised regarding whether classified information was stored on the private server,<sup>2</sup> if that data was secured, who had access to that material, and whether all official documents were appropriately preserved pursuant to the Federal Records Act of 1950.<sup>3</sup>

In order to address these security and preservation concerns and to better understand Platte River Networks' role in maintaining Secretary Clinton's private server, I ask that you please provide the following information and materials:

1. Please produce all documents and communications between or among employees or contractors of Platte River Networks and employees of the State Department referring or relating to Platte River Networks' work related to Secretary Clinton's private server.
2. Please produce all documents and communications between or among employees or contractors of Platte River Networks and Secretary Clinton or any representative of the Clinton family or Clinton Foundation referring or relating to Secretary Clinton's private server.
3. Please produce all contracts between Platte River Networks, Secretary Clinton, the State Department, or any other party referring or relating to Platte River Networks' work related to Secretary Clinton's private server.

<sup>1</sup> See, e.g., Carol D. Leonnig, Rosalind S. Helderman, and Tom Hamburger, *FBI Looking Into the Security of Hillary Clinton's Private E-Mail Setup*, THE WASHINGTON POST (Aug. 4, 2015), [http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/fbi-looks-into-security-of-clintons-private-e-mail-setup/2015/08/04/2bdd85ec-3aae-11e5-8e98-115a3cf7d7ae\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/fbi-looks-into-security-of-clintons-private-e-mail-setup/2015/08/04/2bdd85ec-3aae-11e5-8e98-115a3cf7d7ae_story.html).

<sup>2</sup> See Letter from Ron Johnson, S. Comm. on Homeland Sec. & Gov't Affairs, to David E. Kendall, Williams & Connolly (July 29, 2015).

<sup>3</sup> Federal Records Act, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 31 (2015).

4. Please produce all invoices, bills, and receipts prepared by Platte River Networks or its representatives or agents regarding Platte River Networks' work related to Secretary Clinton's private server.
5. Was Platte River Networks ever made aware that the information on Secretary Clinton's private server may contain classified or sensitive security data? If so, how did Platte River Networks learn about the classified or sensitive information? Please explain.
6. Is Platte River Networks authorized to maintain or access classified information? Please explain.
7. Did any employee of Platte River Networks receive training in the handling of classified information as it relates to Platte River Networks' work on Secretary Clinton's private server?
8. Did any employee of Platte River Networks receive training on preserving federal records pursuant to the Federal Records Act of 1950<sup>4</sup> as it relates to Platte River Networks' work on Secretary Clinton's private server?

Please provide this information and material as soon as possible, but no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 25, 2015. Additionally, I ask that you please provide the Committee with a staff-level briefing to discuss Platte River Networks' role in maintaining the server.

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is authorized by Rule XXV of the Standing Rules of the Senate to investigate "the efficiency, economy, and effectiveness of all agencies and departments of the Government."<sup>5</sup> Additionally, S. Res. 73 (114th Congress) authorizes the Committee to examine "the efficiency and economy of operations of all branches and functions of the Government with particular reference to (i) the effectiveness of present national security methods, staffing, and processes . . ."<sup>6</sup> For purposes of this request, please refer to the definitions and instructions in the enclosure.

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<sup>4</sup> Federal Records Act, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 31 (2015).

<sup>5</sup> S. Rule XXV(k); *see also* S. Res. 445, 108th Cong. (2004).

<sup>6</sup> S. Res. 73 § 12, 114th Cong. (2015).

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If you have any questions about this request, or concerns about the instructions or requirements in the enclosure, please contact Scott Wittmann of the Committee staff at (202) 224-4751. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ron Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the name.

Ron Johnson  
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Thomas R. Carper  
Ranking Member

Enclosure