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The Honorable Lamar Smith  
Chairman, Committee on Science, Space and Technology  
2321 Rayburn House Office Building  
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Dear Chairman Smith:

This responds to the June 17, 2016 letter to Attorney General Harris from you and certain other Majority members of the Committee on Science, Space and Technology. As we stated in our May 27 letter, and as you acknowledge, Congress' investigative jurisdiction is broad, but it has limits. We do not believe that the Committee has the authority under the Constitution, law, or Congress' own rules and precedents to demand documents from a state Attorney General regarding the investigation of potential state law enforcement actions. We have carefully reviewed your letter, but find nothing that specifically addresses this issue or supplies such authority. We therefore respectfully decline your request. We also reject the unfounded accusations contained in your letter.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Goyette", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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cc: The Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson, Ranking Member