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The Honorable Steven Mnuchin
Secretary
Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue
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Dear Secretary Mnuchin,

As you know, the Congress last week agreed passed a budget for fiscal year 2018 that would, as some have said, "pave the way for tax reform." Indeed, the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, Kevin Brady, today announced that the Committee will begin marking up tax reform legislation.

On behalf of the Ways and Means Democrats, we hope that you or your designee from the Department of Treasury will be able to join the Committee as we consider this historic legislation. In the past, a representative from the Department of the Treasury – usually, the Assistant Secretary for Tax Policy – has joined the Chief of Staff of the Joint Committee on Taxation at the witness table during the Committee's consideration of certain revenue measures. Your insight on the provisions in the bill will be invaluable as we evaluate the merits of the package as a whole, and the Administration should have the opportunity to offer the reflections of the Executive Branch and the opinions of the President on what could be the year's most significant legislative package.

The President has already laid at an ambitious timeline; therefore in the interest of efficiency, we would greatly appreciate your participation (or that of your designee) as the Committee continues its legislative process.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Neal
Ranking Member