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## MEMBER'S PERSONAL ATTENTION

The Honorable Raúl Grijalva U.S. House of Representatives 1511 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Grijalva:

As you are aware, on May 15, 2018, the Committee on Ethics (Committee) received a referral from the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) regarding an allegation that you may have authorized compensation to a former employee who did not perform duties commensurate with the compensation the employee received. The Committee reviewed the OCE referral. As a result of its review, the Committee unanimously voted to dismiss the allegation referred by OCE, consistent with OCE's recommendation. Therefore, the Committee considers its review of the allegation closed.

The Committee will make no public statement at this time, and it is not our intention to release this letter publicly unless you make public statements regarding this matter that are inconsistent with the text or spirit of this letter. If you have any questions about this matter please direct them through your counsel to Committee's Chief Counsel and Staff Director, Tom Rust, Director of Investigations Brittney Pescatore, or Counsel David Arrojo at (202) 225-7103.

Sincerely,

Susan W. Brooks Chairwoman Theodore E. Deutch Ranking Member

cc: Brian G. Svoboda, Esq.