



THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION
WASHINGTON, DC 20202

October 10, 2017

Honorable Trey Gowdy
Chairman
Committee on Oversight and
Government Reform
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter dated September 26, 2017, requesting information on the use of private, government or non-commercial aircraft by U.S. Department of Education (Department) non-career officials. We appreciate the opportunity to provide the following information in response to your questions.

While conducting official business in support of the Department's mission that requires travel, I travel on personally owned aircraft at zero cost to U.S. taxpayers. I am accompanied by my security detail; additional staff members travel with me when necessary to efficiently carry out official business, which also reduces travel cost.

I neither seek, nor accept, any reimbursement for official travel notwithstanding my entitlement to be reimbursed for a portion of my travel expenses in accordance with the Federal Travel Regulations.

Not including travel on Air Force One at the invitation of the President, there has been one instance of travel on government aircraft during my tenure. My chief of staff accompanied the Secretary of Labor, Department of Labor staff and White House staff on a government aircraft to meet me and the President in Bedminster, N.J. Other than described above, there has been no other travel by any other non-career Department official on private, government or non-commercial aircraft.

Finally, I am pleased to further report that travel by all Department employees is reviewed, approved and certified in compliance with the Federal Travel Regulations

and the Department's Handbook on Travel, which applies to travel by both career and non-career officials. I have enclosed the Department's Handbook on Travel for your reference. If requested, I would be happy to provide a list of travel authorizations for my official travel on my personally owned aircraft.

Sincerely,

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Betsy DeVos

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Committee on Oversight and
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Honorable Patty Murray
Ranking Member
Committee on Health, Education,
Labor, and Pensions
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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