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The Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson
Chairwoman
Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Madam Chairwoman:

On behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, I am following up on our November 5, 2019 response to the Committee. Of particular concern is that the Agency has not received any response from the Committee regarding the accommodations offered in response to your October 29, 2019 letter.

The Committee's letter requested a transcribed interview with ORD Deputy Assistant Administrator David Dunlap on the issues surrounding the IRIS program and the formaldehyde assessment. In order to accommodate the Committee's interest and efficiently address questions, the EPA offered to brief Committee staff on the EPA's actions in implementing a formal, structured process for identifying IRIS program priorities, in addition to the process for assessing formaldehyde under the TSCA program. This briefing will include Deputy Assistant Administrator Dunlap, ORD staff, and OCSPP staff familiar with the TSCA program. The Agency is eager to schedule this briefing, and as we communicated to Committee staff, it can occur as soon as Monday, November 18, 2019.

Additionally, as mentioned in our response, we have offered to allow Committee staff to review *in camera* the identified document from the Office of Children's Health Protection (OCHP). Despite attempts to schedule this review with Committee staff, the Agency is still waiting to hear back from the Committee for an appropriate time for this review. EPA is prepared to facilitate this review at the Committee's convenience.

Your letter also requested "any and all materials compiled and work products prepared by the EPA Scientific Integrity Official" pertaining to your March 4, 2019 request to Dr. Francesca Grifo, the Agency's Scientific Integrity Official. You requested these materials be produced to the Committee by November 5, 2019, just one week after the Agency received the request. As stated in our response, the Committee has never mentioned nor requested these materials in any formal or informal communications with the Agency before the October 29, 2019 letter. Given that this is a brand-new request, the Agency is still determining whether there are documents

responsive to this request. If there are documents responsive to this new request, the Agency will determine how best to accommodate the Committee's interest in this information.

Enclosed you will find a detailed accounting of the Agency's responsiveness to the Committee's oversight requests. Please contact Travis Voyles in the EPA's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at Voyles.Travis@epa.gov or (202) 564-6399 to schedule the briefing and *in camera* review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Joseph A. Brazauskas, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Joseph A. Brazauskas, Jr.
Associate Administrator

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Frank Lucas, Ranking Member