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Honorable Carol Alvarado
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Dear Co-Chairs Alvarado and Flynn:

On behalf of University of Texas Regent Wallace L. Hall, Jr., I respectfully request that you inform us if you intend to subpoena him to appear before the Committee. While Regent Hall will make every effort to respond to the Committee's requirements, we further request that you let us know of your intentions at least two weeks before his appearance may be compelled.

We request advanced notice for three reasons. First, this is consistent with the Committee's commitment to provide two weeks' notice to all witnesses who are required to testify. Second, like all witnesses, Regent Hall will require sufficient time to adjust his personal and work schedules, prepare his testimony, ensure coordination with his counsel, and review documents, timelines, and other materials the Committee may refer to in the hearing. Third, the Committee voted to subpoena Regent Hall to appear on Dec. 3, then changed the hearing date to Dec. 18 and recalled the subpoena. This has caused confusion about the Committee's intentions.

We wish to reiterate that, given the sensitive nature of some issues that may be raised by the committee and the need for reasonable legal protection for Regent Hall's testimony, we have counseled Regent Hall to not appear before the Committee absent a subpoena. We anticipate that the Committee will consider this a reasonable requirement given the decision to provide subpoenas to other witnesses.

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Please let us know by the close of business today, December 5, 2013, if a subpoena will be issued for his appearance on Dec. 18. This will meet the two-week notice standard that the Committee established.

Yours respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Allan Van Fleet".

Allan Van Fleet

cc: Committee Members