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Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
House of Representatives

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GAO accepts your request as work that is within the scope of its authority. At the current time we anticipate that staff with the required skills will be available to initiate an engagement in about five months. Your request has been assigned to Mr. Mark E. Gaffigan, Managing Director, Natural Resources and Environment. Closer to the time GAO can start this engagement, Mr. Gaffigan or a member of his team will contact Mr. Scott Johnson to confirm that this request continues to be your priority for us. As applicable, we will also be in contact with the cognizant Inspector General's office to ensure that we are not duplicating efforts. If an issue arises during this coordination, we will consult with you regarding its resolution.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Gaffigan at 202-512-3168 or gaffiganm@gao.gov, or Mr. Paul Thompson, Assistant Director, Congressional Relations, on my staff at 202-512-9867 or thompsonp@gao.gov.

Sincerely yours,

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cc: Mr. Scott Johnson

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