THE WHITE HOUSE

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE GENERAL COUNSELS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

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SUBJECT: White House Approval Regarding Legislative Testimony

Executive Departments and Agencies must obtain approval from the White House Office of Legislative Affairs (OLA) and the Office of the White House Counsel (WHCO) before any agency personnel may agree to appear before any congressional committee.

We will remain disciplined in pursuing the work and service the American people deserve by ensuring that all Executive Departments and Agencies follow the established White House consultation process—that is, prior notification and approval from OLA and WHCO before any agency personnel may agree to appear before any congressional committee.

Thank you for your diligence in following this process and for your continued commitment and service to our Nation.

Further guidance regarding other engagements with Congress is forthcoming.