



U.S. GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

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441 G St. N.W.  
Washington, DC 20548

January 9, 2018

The Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr.  
Ranking Member, Committee on Energy and Commerce  
House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Pallone:

Thank you for your letter, jointly signed by a number of your colleagues, requesting that the Government Accountability Office review the extent and pervasiveness of fraud and the misuse of American identities during federal rulemaking processes.

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 [REDACTED], Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Investigative Service. Closer to the time GAO can start this engagement, [REDACTED] or a member of her team will contact your office to confirm that this request continues to be your priority for us.

If you have any questions, please contact [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Orice Williams Brown".

Orice Williams Brown  
Managing Director  
Congressional Relations

cc: The Honorable Greg Walden  
Chairman

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