

## One Hundred Fourteenth Congress A.S. House of Representatives Committee on Homeland Security Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Jeh C. Johnson Secretary Department of Homeland Security Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Secretary Johnson,

I write to you regarding the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) ability to comply with Public Law (P.L.) 114-150, the *Department of Homeland Security Headquarters Consolidation Accountability Act of 2015*. Riddled with numerous schedule delays, and considerable cost overruns, the House and the Senate passed, and the President signed into law, important legislation to require updated cost and schedule estimates for DHS's headquarters project. This law took effect April 29, 2016, and gave the Department 120 days to report to Congress on the enhanced plan. As of today's date, the 120 day deadline has passed and the Committee has yet to receive this report.

The Department's inability to produce this report is extremely troubling. Even more concerning is that the Committee is unable to obtain a straight answer as to why the report is late. Committee staff received information from the Department claiming that the delay was due to the General Services Administration (GSA), while GSA relayed that the postponed release was the fault of DHS. It is of the utmost importance that Congress receives this report in a timely fashion to effectively inform future funding decisions. I anticipate hearing back from you on this matter as soon as possible. Should you have any questions, please have your staff contact Mr. Ryan Consaul with the House Committee on Homeland Security at (202) 226-8417.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL T. McCAUL

Chairman