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April 23, 2020

The Honorable Emily W. Murphy
Administrator
General Services Administration
1800 F Street, NW
Washington, DC 20405

Dear Administrator Murphy,

I write today to express my concern about the current effort by the Trump Organization to obtain relief from the Trump Administration for their required lease payments for the Trump International Hotel at the Old Post Office Pavilion.

Clearly, this request necessitates a high level of scrutiny. While Eric Trump, the president's son, has publicly asserted that he wants GSA to treat the Trump Organization the same as any other company, the potential for undue influence and special treatment is obvious. Indeed, there are still unresolved questions about the constitutionality of the current lease arrangement, which are detailed in the GSA Inspector General's report, "Evaluation of GSA's Management and Administration of the Old Post Office Building Lease."
Given these concerns, I respectfully request that you provide the following information:

- GSA's policies and procedures for evaluating requests to modify an existing lease to reduce monthly lease payments or to suspend lease payments;
- The number of requests received from GSA tenants since March 15th to alter their lease payments; and the number of such requests from tenants in Washington, D.C.
- The number of requests for lease payment modifications since March 15th that have been approved by GSA and the number that have been denied since that date, and the same information with respect to GSA tenants in Washington D.C.
- The status of the Trump Organization's request for lease payment modifications.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and respectfully request a response by May 1, 2020.

Sincerely,

/s/
Chris Van Hollen
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