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The Honorable Martin J. Walsh
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Dear Secretary Walsh:

The Department of Labor (DOL) is in receipt of four letters from Congressional Republicans which need responses. Responses to each of these letters is important in order for Congress to fulfill its duty of overseeing the operations and decision-making of DOL. Responses to these letters are now more than a month past due. I am deeply disappointed and dissatisfied with DOL's continued failure to provide timely, written responses to these inquiries. I write to ask for DOL's prompt responses.

Specifically, I refer to the following letters:

- On June 15, Committee on House Administration Ranking Member Rodney Davis (R-IL), Committee on Oversight and Reform Ranking Member James Comer (R-KY), and I were joined by 15 House Republicans in writing to express concerns about the lack of constitutional and statutory authority for DOL to implement Executive Order 14019, "Promoting Access to Voting";¹

¹ Letter from Rep. Virginia Foxx et al. to Martin J. Walsh, Sec'y of Lab. (June 15, 2022), https://mcusercontent.com/67fba463240fdd948eb636b35/files/55140f7a-2dd5-22fa-2476-420bc7016358/06.15.22_Letter_to_DOL_RE_Promugation_of_Promoting_Access_to_Voting_EO.pdf.

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- On July 19, I wrote seeking information about your participation in the picket line at a Kellogg's plant in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.² This was my third letter on this matter dating back to November 2021—none of which has received a written response;³
- On July 21, I wrote to you requesting information about senior DOL officials' calendars and to make that information available to the public, which to date you have failed to do;⁴ and,
- On July 22, Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Ranking Member Richard Burr (R-NC) and I wrote to you requesting information on DOL's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs' (OFCCP) directive impacting the attorney-client privilege.⁵ While I understand OFCCP has revised its directive, this does not change DOL's obligation to respond to the letter.

Simply put: DOL is derelict in its duty. This follows more than a year of inadequate responses from DOL that fail to provide specific answers to any of our requests for information and materials. The Biden administration and DOL have time and again demonstrated their lack of respect for Congressional oversight.

It is my duty to conduct oversight and I will continue to request written answers so that Members of Congress and the public can understand DOL's operations and decision-making. DOL can expect more oversight inquiries from Committee Republicans this year, and it should be prepared to provide information within the timeframes requested.

Please respond to these four letters with comprehensive written responses for each by no later than September 19.

Sincerely,



Virginia Foxx
Ranking Member

² Letter from Rep. Virginia Foxx to Martin J. Walsh, Sec'y of Lab. (July 19, 2022), https://republicans-edlabor.house.gov/uploadedfiles/07.19.22_-_letter_to_walsh.pdf.

³ Letter from Sen. Richard Burr et al. to Martin J. Walsh, Sec'y of Lab. (Nov. 2, 2021), https://republicansedlabor.house.gov/uploadedfiles/burr_foxx_braun_allen_to_walsh_re_picket_line_110221.pdf; Letter from Reps. Virginia Foxx & Rick W. Allen to Martin J. Walsh, Sec'y of Lab. (Feb. 23, 2022), https://republicansedlabor.house.gov/uploadedfiles/02-23-2022_letter_to_sec_walsh.pdf.

⁴ Letter from Rep. Virginia Foxx to Martin J. Walsh, Sec'y of Lab. (July 21, 2022), https://republicans-edlabor.house.gov/uploadedfiles/7.21.2022_letter_to_walsh.pdf.

⁵ Letter from Sen. Richard Burr & Virginia Foxx to Martin J. Walsh, Sec'y of Lab. (July 22, 2022), https://republicans-edlabor.house.gov/uploadedfiles/07.22.22_burr_foxx_to_walsh_re_ofccp_attorney_client_privilege_directive.pdf.