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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

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June 30, 2023

Mr. Tim Gabel
President
RTI International (Research Triangle Institute)
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P.O. Box 12194
Research Triangle Park, NC 27709-2194

Dear Mr. Gabel:

The Committee on the Judiciary is conducting oversight of the Department of Justice's grant programs and operations, including the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Office of Violence Against Women (OVW), and the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS). We are aware that one or more of these entities awarded taxpayer-funded grants to your organization.¹ As part of our constitutional oversight responsibilities, we request your organization's voluntary cooperation with our oversight to inform potential legislative reforms to the Department's grant programs.

Congress has an important interest in ensuring that taxpayer-funded grants are used in a manner that is consistent with statutory authorization and congressional intent. As a part of the Committee's oversight, we ask that you please provide the following documents and information:

1. All documents and communications from January 20, 2021, to the present between or among OJP, OVW, and COPS employees or contractors referring or relating to current, closed, or future grants and awards to RTI International (Research Triangle Institute), including, but not limited to, the Application, Proposal Abstract, Grant Agreement, Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire, or Consolidated Budget Summary documents;
2. All documents and communications from January 20, 2021, to the present referring or relating to Disclosure of Lobbying Activities for the RTI International (Research Triangle Institute);

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3. All documents and communications from January 20, 2021, to the present referring or relating to Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation for the RTI International (Research Triangle Institute);
4. All documents and communications from January 20, 2021, to the present referring or relating to Grant Performance Measurement and Progress Reporting Information for the RTI International (Research Triangle Institute);
5. A list of all current and former RTI International (Research Triangle Institute) employees, advisory members, or board members who are currently employed, or who were previously employed, at OJP, OVW, or COPS, including:
 - a. Full name;
 - b. Job title at OJP, OVW, or COPS;
 - c. Previous or current job title at your organization;
6. A list of all current and former RTI International (Research Triangle Institute) employees, advisory members, or board members who previously or currently serve as OJP, OVW, or COPS Peer Reviewers.

Please produce all documents and information as soon as possible but no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 14, 2023.

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Jim Jordan
Chairman

² Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, R. X (2023).

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Katherine A. McGrady, PH.D.
President and Chief Executive Officer
The Center for Naval Analyses
3003 Washington Blvd
Arlington, VA 22201

Dear Dr. McGrady:

The Committee on the Judiciary is conducting oversight of the Department of Justice's grant programs and operations, including the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Office of Violence Against Women (OVW), and the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS). We are aware that one or more of these entities awarded taxpayer-funded grants to your organization.¹ As part of our constitutional oversight responsibilities, we request your organization's voluntary cooperation with our oversight to inform potential legislative reforms to the Department's grant programs.

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2. All documents and communications from January 20, 2021, to the present referring or relating to Disclosure of Lobbying Activities for The Center for Naval Analyses;

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3. All documents and communications from January 20, 2021, to the present referring or relating to Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation for The Center for Naval Analyses;
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5. A list of all current and former The Center for Naval Analyses employees, advisory members, or board members who are currently employed, or who were previously employed, at OJP, OVW, or COPS, including:
 - a. Full name;
 - b. Job title at OJP, OVW, or COPS;
 - c. Previous or current job title at your organization;
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Hugh T. Clements, Jr.
Director
Community Oriented Policing Services
145 N St N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002

Dear Director Clements:

The Committee on the Judiciary is conducting oversight of the programs and operations of the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) within the Department of Justice (DOJ). For fiscal year 2024, COPS has requested a substantial budget decrease.¹ The Committee must examine COPS's current operations and processes to determine if existing resources and funds are being used in the most efficient manner.

During the last fiscal year, COPS received nearly \$670 million in taxpayer funds and employed 100 full-time and part-time employees.² COPS's FY 2024 request would decrease the Office's budget to \$651 million.³ The FY 2024 budget request includes a cut of nearly \$12 million in program funding.⁴

As part of the Committee's constitutional oversight responsibilities and especially in light of the COPS's substantial budget request, the Committee must understand all current and proposed COPS-funded grants to (1) determine if the taxpayer-funded grants meet congressional intent; (2) ensure the grants are being properly executed, funded, and monitored; and (3) to measure the effect of COPS grants on the desired communities. The Committee's oversight will inform possible legislative reforms to bring COPS back in line with its statutory authorization and mission.⁵

¹ U.S. Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Overview, available at: https://www.justice.gov/d9/2023-03/cops_fy_24_bud_sum_ii_omb_cleared_03.07.23.pdf.

² *Id.*

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ *See generally*: U.S. Department of Justice, Justice Department Fact Sheet: Implementing Executive Order Advancing Effective, Accountable Government, available at: <https://www.justice.gov/olp/justice-department-fact-sheet-implementing-executive-order-advancing-effective-accountable>.

Accordingly, to further our oversight of the COPS, please provide the following documents and information:

1. All documents and communications referring or relating to funding recommendations for solicitations between 2021 and 2023, including but not limited to documentation of the following:
 - a. Basic Minimum Requirement;
 - b. Staff Elevation;
 - c. Peer Review;
 - d. Second Staff Review;
 - e. Director Review; and
 - f. Cooperative Agreement (if applicable).
2. All documents and communications referring or relating to expenses for the following offices from January 2021, to the present:
 - a. COPS Office of Director and Deputy Director.
3. Documents sufficient to provide a full accounting of full-time COPS employees and contractors.
4. Documents sufficient to provide a manpower breakdown within COPS.
5. All documents and communications referring or relating to COPS's Human Capital Planning Outlook.
6. A list of all current and former COPS employees previously employed at an organization that receives grants from COPS, including their full name; job title at COPS; and job title at grantee organization.

In addition, the Committee requires testimony from COPS employees. To that end, we have identified several COPS employees we believe possess information that would inform our oversight. Accordingly, we ask that you make the following COPS employees available for transcribed interviews with the Committee as soon as possible:

1. Robert Chapman;

2. Jonya Wagner

We anticipate that we may require testimony from additional COPS employees as our oversight continues, and we expect your cooperation in facilitating these future interviews as well.

Please provide this information and schedule the requested transcribed interviews as soon as possible, but no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 14, 2023. The Judiciary Committee is authorized

Director Hugh T. Clements, Jr.

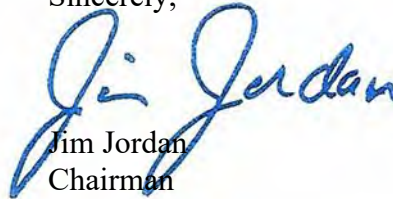
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to conduct oversight of the Department of Justice pursuant to the Rules of the House of Representatives.⁶

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Jim Jordan
Chairman

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Allison Randall
Acting Director
Office of Violence Against Women
Department of Justice
145 N St NE
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Acting Director Randall:

The Committee on the Judiciary is conducting oversight of the programs and operations of the Office of Violence Against Women (OVW) within the Department of Justice (DOJ). For fiscal year 2024, OVW has requested a substantial budget increase.¹ The Committee must examine OVW's current operations and processes to determine if existing resources and funds are being used in the most efficient manner.

During the last fiscal year, OVW received \$700 million in taxpayer funds and employed 139 full-time and part-time employees.² OVW's FY 2024 request would increase the Office's budget to \$1 billion, bringing the overall DOJ grant budget to \$7.308 billion.³ The FY 2024 budget request includes \$300 million in additional program funding along with several new programs. Furthermore, the FY 2024 budget request outlines requests for more personnel, bringing the total positions at OVW to 165 employees.⁴

As part of the Committee's constitutional oversight responsibilities and especially in light of the OVW's substantial budget request, the Committee must understand all current and proposed OVW-funded grants to (1) determine if the taxpayer-funded grants meet congressional intent; (2) ensure the grants are being properly executed, funded, and monitored; and (3) to measure the effect of OVW grants on the desired communities. The Committee's oversight will

¹ U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women, Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Overview, available at: https://www.justice.gov/d9/2023-03/ovw_2024_bs_section_ii_chapter_omb_cleared_3-7-23.pdf

² Id.

³ U.S. Department of Justice, Grantmaking Components, Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Overview, available at: <https://www.ojp.gov/presidents-fy-2024-budget-request>

⁴ Id.

inform possible legislative reforms to bring OVW back in line with its statutory authorization and mission.⁵

Accordingly, to further our oversight of the OVW, please provide the following documents and information:

1. All documents and communications referring or relating to funding recommendations for solicitations between 2021 and 2023, including but not limited to documentation of the following:
 - a. Basic Minimum Requirement;
 - b. Staff Elevation;
 - c. Peer Review;
 - d. Second Staff Review;
 - e. Director Review; and
 - f. Cooperative Agreement (if applicable).
2. All documents and communications referring or relating to expenses for the following offices from January 2021, to the present:
 - a. OVW Office of Director and Deputy Director.
3. Documents sufficient to provide a full accounting of full-time OVW employees and contractors.
4. Documents sufficient to provide a manpower breakdown within OVW.
5. All documents and communications referring or relating to OVW's Human Capital Planning Outlook.
6. A list of all current and former OVW employees previously employed at an organization that receives grants from OVW, including their full name; job title at OVW; and job title at grantee organization.

In addition, the Committee requires testimony from OVW employees. To that end, we have identified several OVW employees we believe possess information that would inform our oversight. Accordingly, we ask that you make the following OVW employees available for transcribed interviews with the Committee as soon as possible:

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| 1. Linda Phan; | 3. Nadine Neufville; |
| 2. Veronica Hall-Thompson; | 4. Jennifer Kaplan; |

⁵ See generally: U.S. Department of Justice, Justice Department Fact Sheet: Implementing Executive Order Advancing Effective, Accountable Government, available at: <https://www.justice.gov/olp/justice-department-fact-sheet-implementing-executive-order-advancing-effective-accountable>.

Acting Director Allison Randall

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We anticipate that we may require testimony from additional OVW employees as our oversight continues, and we expect your cooperation in facilitating these future interviews as well.

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Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

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The Honorable Amy L. Solomon
Assistant Attorney General
Office of Justice Programs
Department of Justice
810 7th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Assistant Attorney General Solomon:

The Committee on the Judiciary is conducting oversight of the programs and operations of the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) within the Department of Justice (DOJ). For fiscal year 2024, OJP has requested a substantial budget increase.¹ The Committee must examine OJP's current operations and processes to determine if existing resources and funds are being used in the most efficient manner.

During the last fiscal year, OJP received nearly \$5 billion in taxpayer funds and employed 859 full-time and part-time employees.² OJP's FY 2024 request would increase the Office's budget to \$5.657 billion, bringing the overall DOJ grant budget to \$7.308 billion.³ The FY 2024 budget request includes \$688 million in additional program funding along with several new programs. Furthermore, the FY 2024 budget request outlines requests for more personnel, bringing the total positions at OJP to 899 employees.⁴

As part of the Committee's constitutional oversight responsibilities and especially in light of the OJP's substantial budget request, the Committee must understand all current and proposed OJP-funded grants to (1) determine if the taxpayer-funded grants meet congressional intent; (2) ensure the grants are being properly executed, funded, and monitored; and (3) to measure the

¹ U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Overview, available at: <https://www.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh241/files/media/document/fy24budgetoverview.pdf>

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³ U.S. Department of Justice, Grantmaking Components, Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Overview, available at: <https://www.ojp.gov/presidents-fy-2024-budget-request>

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effect of OJP grants on the desired communities. The Committee's oversight will inform possible legislative reforms to bring OJP back in line with its statutory authorization and mission.⁵

Accordingly, to further our oversight of the OJP, please provide the following documents and information:

1. All documents and communications referring or relating to funding recommendations for solicitations between 2021 and 2023, including but not limited to documentation of the following:
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2. All documents and communications referring or relating to expenses for the following offices from January 2021, to the present:
 - a. OJP Office of Assistant Attorney General, Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Bureau of Justice Assistance Director (BJA), Bureau of Justice Statistics Director (BJS), National Institute of Justice Director (NIJ), Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Administrator (OJJDP), Office for Victims of Crime Director (OVC), Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking Director (SMART).
3. Documents sufficient to provide a full accounting of full-time OJP employees and contractors.
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oversight. Accordingly, we ask that you make the following OJP employees available for transcribed interviews with the Committee as soon as possible:

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| 1. Maureen Henneberg; | 3. Rachel Johnson; |
| 2. Rafael A. Madan; | 4. Phillip Merkle; |

We anticipate that we may require testimony from additional OJP employees as our oversight continues, and we expect your cooperation in facilitating these future interviews as well.

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Mr. David Adkins
Director and CEO
The Council of State Governments
1776 Avenue of the States
Lexington, KY 40511

Dear Mr. Adkins:

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