



COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS WASHINGTON, DC 20510–6250

December 8, 2021

The Honorable Antony J. Blinken Secretary of State Department of State 2201 C Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Secretary Blinken,

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The Honorable Janet L. Yellen Secretary of the Treasury Department of the Treasury 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Secretary Yellen,

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The Honorable Lloyd J. Austin III Secretary of Defense Department of Defense 1000 Defense Pentagon Washington, DC 20301

Dear Secretary Austin,

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The Honorable Merrick B. Garland Attorney General Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Attorney General Garland,

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The Honorable Debra A. Haaland Secretary of the Interior Department of the Interior 1849 C Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Secretary Haaland,

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The Honorable Thomas J. Vilsack Secretary of Agriculture Department of Agriculture 1280 Maryland Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20250

Dear Secretary Vilsack,

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The Honorable Gina M. Raimondo Secretary of Commerce Department of Commerce 1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Secretary Raimondo,

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The Honorable Martin J. Walsh Secretary of Labor Department of Labor 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20210

Dear Secretary Walsh,

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The Honorable Xavier Becerra Secretary of Health and Human Services Department of Health and Human Services 200 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20201

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The Honorable Marcia Fudge Secretary Department of Housing and Urban Development 451 7th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20410

Dear Secretary Fudge,

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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg Secretary Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E. Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

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The Honorable Jennifer Granholm Secretary Department of Energy 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20585

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The Honorable Miguel Cardona, Ph.D. Secretary Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20202

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The Honorable Denis McDonough Secretary Department of Veterans Affairs 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20420

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The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas Secretary Department of Homeland Security Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Secretary Mayorkas,

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The Honorable Michael Regan Administrator Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator Regan,

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The Honorable Isabella Casillas Guzman Administrator Small Business Administration 209 3rd Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20416

Dear Administrator Guzman,

On March 17, 2020, following the declaration of a national emergency related to COVID-19, the Office of Management and Budget called for executive branch agencies and departments to "maximize telework across the national for the Federal workforce[.]"¹ Over a year and a half later, it is unclear the extent to which government employees are still teleworking.

- 1. The number of individuals currently employed by your agency.
- 2. The number of individuals who are:
 - a. Working full time in person at one of your agencies physical locations;
 - b. Teleworking² full time;
 - c. Working a hybrid schedule that combines both telework and in office schedule.
- The total number of agency employees who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19.
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