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The Honorable Robin Vos
Speaker of the Assembly
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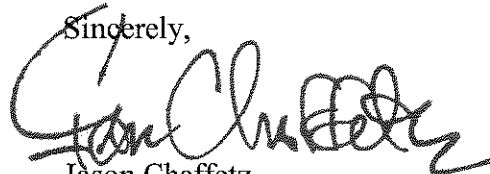
Dear Speaker Vos:

The House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is examining the effects of unfunded mandates and identifying opportunities to reduce the imposition of such mandates on state, local, and tribal governments, and the private sector. Many of these entities have raised concerns that federal statutes and regulations increasingly require them to commit resources to satisfy federal legislative goals without federal funding to cover the costs.^[1] As nonfederal entities continue to face serious fiscal challenges, the costs of such mandates are often absorbed at the local level or passed along to taxpayers.

The Committee seeks to better understand the extent of the burden that unfunded mandates place on nonfederal entities. We write to request your help with our effort to identify those mandates that cause the greatest strain. To that end, we invite you to share your experience with, and perspective on, the impact of unfunded mandates, including examples of specific federal statutes or regulations that impose such mandates and related cost estimates or compliance challenges.

The Committee looks forward to working with you. Should you choose to participate, the Committee respectfully requests a response by January 20, 2017. You may submit your response to unfunded.mandateOGR@mail.house.gov, or deliver your response to the Committee's Majority staff in Room 2157 of the Rayburn House Office Building and to the Minority staff in Room 2471 of the Rayburn House Office Building. Please contact Christina Aizcorbe of the Committee staff at (202) 225-5074 with any questions about this request.

Sincerely,



Jason Chaffetz
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings, Ranking Minority Member

^[1] GAO, *Unfunded Mandates: Views Vary About Reform Act's Strengths, Weaknesses, and Options for Improvement* (Mar. 2005) (GAO-05-454).