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The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, D.C., 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Democratic Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Speaker Johnson and Democratic Leader Jeffries:

In light of recent whistleblower testimony and new evidence pertaining to the existence of Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena (UAP), we request that the U.S. House of Representatives establish a select subcommittee under the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability (Oversight Committee) to investigate the federal government's response to UAP. Given the Oversight Committee's role as the principal investigative body in the U.S. House of Representatives and its broad authority to investigate "any matter" at "any time" under House Rule X, we believe it is proper for the committee to investigate and assess how transparent and accountable the federal government is when it comes to UAP.

On July 26, 2023, the Oversight Committee held a public hearing with retired Major David Grusch, along with Ryan Graves, the Executive Director of Americans for Safe Aerospace, and retired Navy Commander David Fravor, where they testified on their experiences with UAP, the national security risks posed by UAP, and the existence of UAP technologies currently possessed by the Federal Government. Specifically, Mr. Grusch revealed the existence of a UAP crash retrieval and reverse engineering program which has been illegally withheld from Congress. In July 2022, the Intelligence Community Inspector General (ICIG) found Mr. Grusch's complaint to be "credible and urgent." **[ADD CITATION]** While the testimony revealed some answers, many more questions remain unanswered, and we believe that further investigation is warranted.

The Federal Government continues to declassify certain videos and studies on various UAP incidents with little clarity on the subjects' origins. Another major barrier has been a lack of cooperation and evasion of congressional scrutiny from the Department of Defense (DoD) and the Intelligence Community (IC), which has only deepened public mistrust. Furthermore, it is unclear how much U.S. taxpayer funds are being spent on analyzing and investigating UAP. To the extent that we believe in genuine representative government, providing transparency on these matters is essential if we are to maintain a responsible and informed citizenry.

Given the long history of the DoD and IC's lack of cooperation and transparency, it is in the best interest of American taxpayers for Congress to investigate UAP on a bipartisan basis and ultimately provide much needed transparency to the public. Therefore, we believe that establishing a new select subcommittee would provide a significant opportunity for Congress to provide answers that are long overdue.

Respectfully, we request that the select subcommittee be fully staffed and granted access to all material and information, both classified and unclassified, provided or derived from the Federal Government relating to UAP that formerly or currently is protected by any form of special access or restricted access. Additionally, the select subcommittee should be granted access to all material and information, both classified and unclassified, possessed by the Federal Government relating to all non-earth origin or exotic UAP material.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We appreciate your timely consideration and stand ready to work with you to advance this critical issue on behalf of the American people.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress