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The Honorable Charles F. Bolden, Jr.
Administrator
National Aeronautics and Space Administration
300 E Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20546

Dear Administrator Bolden:

On February 11, 2015, the Committee held a hearing to better understand why certain federal programs have remained on the Government Accountability Office's (GAO) High Risk List for 25 years—since the inaugural list. During that hearing, Robert M. Lightfoot, Jr., (Associate Administrator) testified about one such program, NASA acquisition management. On May 20, 2015, NASA provided a letter to the Committee that described a number of ongoing activities it was undertaking to improve in this area.


The Committee requests an update to these and other related activities. In your response, please describe the agency's actions to date and progress in addressing this high risk area. If there is ongoing work to address this high risk area, provide the performance goals, performance measures, planned actions, and milestones the agency is using to ensure progress is being made. Also include the agency official responsible for resolving the challenge. Please provide these documents as soon as possible, but no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 5, 2016.

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If you have any questions about this request, please contact Katy Rother of the Committee Staff at (202) 225-5074. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Jason Chaffetz
Chairman


Elijah E. Cummings
Ranking Member