



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20220

September 27, 2016

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley:

I write in response to your letter regarding the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services' (USCIS) Fifth-Preference Immigrant Investor (EB-5) Visa Program, and your invitation for a representative of the Treasury Department to attend a hearing before the Committee on Thursday. We have enclosed documents responsive to the Committee's request, and we are committed to continuing to identify and produce responsive documents in consultation with Committee staff.

Your letter requests information about an interagency working group convened in 2012 to examine vulnerabilities in the USCIS EB-5 program. Part of Treasury's usual process in responding to a request for information, such as the Committee's letter, includes identifying offices in the Department that may have responsive information. After receiving the Committee's letter, we sought to identify whether any Treasury office, including the Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence or the Office of International Affairs, had participated in such a working group. Based on the information available, Treasury's involvement in such a working group was unclear, but it appeared to have been limited in scope and duration. In addition, it appeared that most of the personnel who would have knowledge of Treasury's participation no longer worked at the Department.

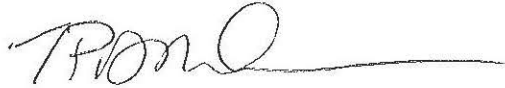
Last Thursday, Committee staff identified four former and two current Treasury employees they believed were likely to have responsive information, based on information and documents received from other agencies during the course of the Committee's investigation. In response, we promptly commenced a targeted search for responsive documents. Since Thursday, we have identified a preliminary set of responsive materials, which we have enclosed with this letter. The documents contain redactions to protect Executive Branch confidentiality interests, including internal deliberations related to the work of the National Security Council. Please let us know if you have questions related to those redactions, and we will work with your staff to address them.

As discussed with your staff, Treasury is also committed to continuing to produce responsive materials identified in cooperation with Committee staff. If doing so will obviate the need for a

Treasury witness to appear at the Committee's hearing scheduled for September 29, we will make every effort to complete our initial processing of documents by October 28.

We reiterate our goal of working cooperatively with the Committee and to provide the information the Committee needs. Should you have any questions, please contact me or have your staff contact Luke Ballman, Office of Legislative Affairs, at (202) 622-1900.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'TP Maloney', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Thomas Patrick Maloney
Senior Advisor, Office of Legislative Affairs

Enclosure

Identical letter sent to:

The Honorable Jason Chaffetz

cc: The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings
The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy