



May 12, 2016

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

Dear Chairman Grassley:

Thank you for your letter to Administrator Denise Turner Roth dated April 28, 2016, concerning the U.S. General Services Administration's (GSA) position on publishing the Senior Federal Travel Report (SFTR). Your inquiry has been referred to me for response.

One of GSA's goals is to make information regarding Government operations more transparent and accessible. For example, GSA's Federal Fleet Report<sup>1</sup> and Federal Real Property Profile<sup>2</sup> provide extensive data on Federal vehicles and real estate holdings and are available for download on GSA's website.

With regard to your question as to the public availability of the SFTR, GSA had previously determined that this information, if available publicly, could expose mission-sensitive data and undermine important agency activities as the report included all submitted transactions from each agency. Therefore, GSA decided at that time not to publish the SFTR.

After further review, however, GSA has determined that the current SFTR, which is summary data, would not undermine important agency activities. With this determination, and in line with GSA's efforts and policies to promote transparency, GSA will publish the SFTR on its Website within 30 days of this letter, beginning with the Fiscal Year 2015 report. All future reports will be published on GSA's Website thereafter.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact me at (202) 501-0563.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa A. Austin".

Lisa A. Austin  
Associate Administrator

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.gsa.gov/portal/category/102859>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/102880>