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April 24, 2012

The Honorable Daniel Tangherlini
Acting Administrator
U.S. General Services Administration
1800 F Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20405

Dear Acting Administrator Tangherlini:

The Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management April 17, 2012 hearing was part of the investigation by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure into the gross mismanagement and waste of American taxpayer funds by the General Services Administration (GSA). Evidence from that hearing and depositions by the Inspector General (IG) confirm findings from our investigation that Mr. Jeffrey Neely, Region 9 Public Buildings Service (PBS) Commissioner, was involved in malfeasance in office and has information and knowledge of wrongdoing and abuse that are vital to our investigation. Mr. Neely was requested to appear before our Committee.

Every official in the federal government takes an oath which includes, in part, that he or she will “well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office” in which they are about to enter. As part of the duties of any federal employee is the affirmative obligation to “disclose waste, fraud, abuse, and corruption to appropriate authorities.” (*Executive Order 12674 of April 12, 1989 (as modified by E.O. 12731)*).

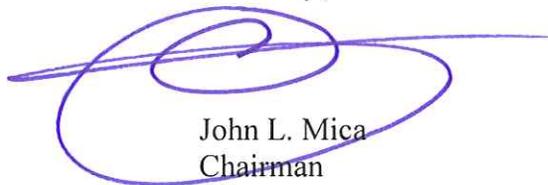
Despite Mr. Neely’s refusal to cooperate and assist in our investigation and provide testimony at hearings held by at least two congressional committees, Mr. Neely continues to receive compensation as a senior official of GSA. For many Americans, the idea that their taxpayer dollars are continuing to pay an official who has abused and demonstrated a wanton disregard for his responsibilities as a federal employee and senior executive is unacceptable.

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With the affirmative obligation to disclose waste, fraud, abuse, and corruption and Mr. Neely's refusal to cooperate with congressional committees, you should use every option available and act immediately to remove Mr. Neely from the federal payroll. As you know, these options could include termination, suspension without pay, furlough without pay and unpaid administrative leave.

Your response to this request and attention to this matter is imperative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

John L. Mica
Chairman