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Dear Democratic Colleague:

As the current Chairman of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, I am seeking the Ranking Member position of that committee and ask for your support.

As Committee Chairman, I have focused on the issues that mattered most to the American people including the causes of the financial crisis and collapse of AIG, home foreclosure prevention programs, improving the tracking of Recovery Act funds to help create 3 million jobs, the Toyota recall, and billions of dollars of waste, fraud, and abuse in government contracting.

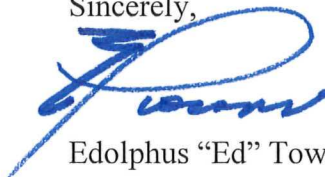
The Committee also had significant legislative accomplishments by advancing bills to improve the collection of improper payments made by the government, ensure proper public disclosure of documents held by the Securities and Exchange Commission, strengthen the federal civil service, and improve the openness, transparency, and accountability of the federal government.

As the Committee's Ranking Member, I will continue an aggressive oversight agenda focused on creating jobs in America, eliminating waste, fraud, and abuse, and working with the Obama Administration to continue the growth of our nation's economy.

I will also work closely with my fellow committee Democrats to form a bulwark against any politically motivated investigations. Any attempt to use this Committee as a political weapon to tear down this Administration is intolerable and I will use every tool at my disposal to ensure this does not occur.

I look forward to your continued support and working with you in the 112th Congress.

Sincerely,



Edolphus "Ed" Towns