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The Honorable John Barrasso, Chairman  
The Honorable Thomas Carper, Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works  
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

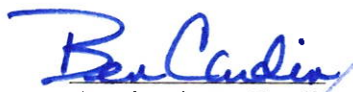
Dear Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper:

We have read with great concern the August 27, 2018 report issued by the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Inspector General's office titled Review of GSA's Revised Plan for the Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters Consolidation Project.

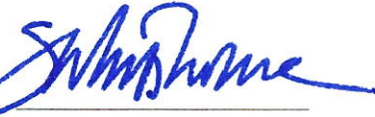
The report documents the Inspector General's findings that GSA misrepresented to Congress which Administration officials were involved in the decision to change the preferred location of the FBI's new headquarters from a suburban campus setting to a rebuild on the current site of the J. Edgar Hoover (JEH) building. The report also clarifies that despite attempts by GSA officials to hide the actual costs, the JEH demolish and rebuild plan would actually cost more than the cancelled JEH exchange. The report also illustrated that GSA Administrator Emily Murphy's testimony before the House Appropriations Committee on April 17, 2018 was incomplete and may have left the misleading impression that she had no discussions with the President or senior White House officials in the decision-making process about the project.

We believe that the facts and actions described in this report should be thoroughly examined by the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee and we request that you hold a hearing on this report as soon as possible. We thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

  
Benjamin L. Cardin  
United States Senator

  
Chris Van Hollen  
United States Senator

  
Sheldon Whitehouse  
United States Senator