



U.S. GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

441 G St. N.W.
Washington, DC 20548

September 5, 2019

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate

Dear Senator Schumer:

Thank you for your letter, jointly signed by a number of your colleagues, requesting that the Government Accountability Office review matters relating to the Trump Administration's efforts to exercise the power of eminent domain to build a wall on the southern border of the United States.

GAO accepts your request as work that is within the scope of its authority. At the current time we anticipate that staff with the required skills will be available to initiate an engagement in about three months. Your request has been assigned to Mr. Charles Michael Johnson, Jr., Managing Director, Homeland Security and Justice. Closer to the time GAO can start this engagement, Mr. Johnson or a member of his team will contact Mr. Jim Secreto to confirm that this request continues to be your priority for us. As applicable, we will also be in contact with the cognizant Inspector General's office to ensure that we are not duplicating efforts. If an issue arises during this coordination, we will consult with you regarding its resolution.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Johnson at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] or me at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Orice Williams Brown'.

Orice Williams Brown
Managing Director
Congressional Relations

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