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Mr. David J. Stern c/o Jeffrey Tew, Esq. Tew Cardenas LLP Four Seasons Tower, 15th Floor 1441 Brickell Avenue Miami, FL 33131-3407

Dear Mr. Stern:

The Committee is investigating widespread allegations of abuse by mortgage loan servicing companies and their agents, including wrongful foreclosures, inflated fees, deceptive practices, and fraud. To assist in this investigation, I request that you provide the following documents and information related to the Law Offices of David J. Stern, P.A., DJSP Enterprises, Inc., their affiliates, employees, subsidiaries, and subdivisions, for the time period from January 1, 2006, to the present:

- 1. A list of partners and supervisory employees of the Law Offices of David J. Stern, P.A., their job titles and responsibilities, and a description of ownership stake, if any;
- 2. Compensation, including salary, bonuses, stock options, and dividends, of all partners and supervisory employees, including David J. Stern, and expenses paid by David J. Stern or the Law Offices of David J. Stern, P.A., for personal expenses of those individuals;
- 3. Financial statements, including a statement of annual revenue, from the Law Offices of David J. Stern, P.A. and DJSP Enterprises, Inc.;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See, e.g., Oversight Plan of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, 112th Congress (Feb. 10, 2011); and Testimony of Neil M. Barofsky, Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program, Hearing on Bailouts and the Foreclosure Crisis: Report of the Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (Jan. 26, 2011) (stating that the performance of mortgage servicing companies has been "abysmal" and that "stories of servicer negligence and misconduct are legion").

- 4. Any documents or instructions that pertain to the procedures followed by the Law Offices of David J. Stern, P.A. when preparing or filing a foreclosure, including the document referred to as the "bible" in the Deposition of Tammie Lou Kapusta;<sup>2</sup> and
- 5. Email, interoffice communications and correspondence sent by or to you, notes and memoranda, and receipts that relate to on-site visits, audits, or meetings with clients, as discussed in the Deposition of Kelly Scott<sup>3</sup> with the following entities and servicers:
  - Bank of America,
  - Citigroup,
  - GMAC,
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  - Wells Fargo,
  - Aurora Bank,
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  - Federal National Mortgage Association, and
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Mr. Lee R. Mitau Executive Vice President and General Counsel U.S. Bancorp 800 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402

Dear Mr. Mitau:

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Mr. Stephen M. Cutler Executive Vice President and General Counsel JP Morgan Chase & Co. 270 Park Avenue New York, New York 10017

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Mr. Thomas Marano Chief Executive Officer of Mortgage Operations Ally Financial 200 Renaissance Center P.O. Box 200 Detroit, MI 48265

Dear Mr. Marano:

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Mr. Michael Helfer General Counsel and Corporate Secretary Citigroup 399 Park Avenue New York, New York 10043

Dear Mr. Helfer:

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Mr. Nicholas D. Latrenta Executive Vice President and General Counsel MetLife, Inc. 200 Park Avenue New York, New York 10166

Dear Mr. Latrenta:

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