



### **Suggested Questions for Confirmation Questionnaire**

1. If confirmed, will you ensure your agency staff timely and fully provides information and access to appropriate documents and officials in response to requests made by Congressional offices, including the Government Accountability Office (GAO), and the Congressional Research Service?
2. If confirmed, will you ensure your agency staff timely and fully provides information and access in response to requests made by your agency's or any other agency's Office of Inspector General?
3. If confirmed, will you agree to work with representatives from this Committee, the Inspector General, and the GAO to timely implement recommendations for improving your agency's operations and effectiveness?
4. If confirmed, will you direct your agency to timely and fully respond to all reasonable Freedom of Information Act requests submitted by the American people?
5. If confirmed, will you ensure officials in your agency do not retaliate against federal employees, officials, or contractor employees who communicate with representatives from this Committee, the GAO, IGs, the Office of Special Counsel, or make disclosures through any other statutorily protected channels?
6. If confirmed, will you direct your staff to adopt a presumption of openness where practical, including identifying documents that can and should be proactively released to the public without requiring a Freedom of Information Act request?
7. If confirmed, will you keep this Committee apprised of new information if it materially impacts the accuracy of information your agency's officials have provided us?

Optional suggestion for pro-whistleblower offices:

8. It's important for every agency to appropriately distinguish between whistleblowers (whose exposure of wrongdoing can sometimes be perceived as disruptive to agency operations) from an insider threat (someone who puts lives in danger or harms the security of the United States). If confirmed, will you review your agency's insider threat program, and guide agency officials to distinguish between the two so that whistleblowers are not inappropriately targeted as insider threats?