



PRIVACY AND CIVIL LIBERTIES OVERSIGHT BOARD  
WASHINGTON, DC 20427

June 24, 2015

The Honorable Harold Rogers  
Chairman  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Committee on Appropriations  
2406 Rayburn House Office building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nita M. Lowey  
Ranking Member  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Committee on Appropriations  
2365 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Harold Rogers and Ranking Member Nita M. Lowey:

I write on behalf of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board ("Board") in response to the Report on the FY 2016 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations bill. The Board appreciates the House Appropriations Committee's consideration of the President's request for the Board's FY 2016 budget and thanks the Committee for its funding recommendation. We understand the concerns expressed in the report about the Board's move, which is required as the Board's current building is scheduled for demolition at the end of calendar year 2016.

The Board looks forward to working with the Committee to provide the requested quarterly briefings. In the meantime, if it would be helpful, the Board will make itself available to brief the Committee on progress relating to its required physical move and the most cost-effective means of meeting its requirement for a secure facility.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Medine".

David Medine  
Chairman

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

March 27, 2015

The Honorable David Medine  
Chairman  
The Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board  
2100 K Street, NW  
Suite 500  
Washington, DC 20427

Dear Chairman Medine:

Recently, the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board (PCLOB) announced it would study Executive Order 12333 (E.O. 12333), which governs the conduct of U.S. intelligence activities. It has recently come to the attention of our Committees that the PCLOB has begun this review.

When the PCLOB was established by the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007, its purpose was carefully defined: "to analyze and review actions the executive branch takes to protect the Nation from terrorism," and to "ensure that liberty concerns are appropriately considered" in these efforts to "protect the Nation against terrorism." 42 U.S.C. § 2000ee (c).

As we are sure you are aware, intelligence activities conducted under E.O. 12333 address a broad range of national security issues beyond counterterrorism, including significant and important foreign intelligence matters that fall well outside of the PCLOB's limited statutory charter. Many intelligence activities conducted under E.O. 12333 predate the creation of the PCLOB and were not within the scope that the 9/11 Commission or Congress envisioned when PCLOB was established. The PCLOB's purpose is clear and specifically defined by Congress.

We trust you will keep in mind the PCLOB's finite statutory authority as you move forward and work with the Intelligence Community to limit appropriately your review only to those matters which Congress has specifically authorized you to review.

The Committees would like to be briefed as soon as possible as the scope, nature, and status of the PLCOB's work related to E.O. 12333. Please contact (b) (6) on the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence staff at (202) 224-(b) (6) and (b) (6) on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence at (202) 225-(b) (6) to schedule such briefings for each committee, respectively.

Sincerely,



Richard Burr  
Chairman  
United States Senate  
Select Committee on Intelligence



Devin Nunes  
Chairman  
United States House of Representatives  
Permanent Select Committee on  
Intelligence

cc:

The Honorable Rachel L. Brand  
The Honorable Elisebeth Collins Cook  
The Honorable James X. Dempsey  
The Honorable Patricia M. Wald