April 22, 2020

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House of Representatives
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Steny Hoyer
Democratic Majority Leader
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable James Clyburn
Democratic Whip
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Majority Leader Hoyer, and Whip Clyburn:

We write to urge you to encourage Rep. Donna Shalala to step down from the Congressional Oversight Commission. Recent news reports\(^1\) concerning Rep. Shalala’s potential conflicts of interest and possibly illegal or unethical activities raise significant concerns about her ability to discharge her duties, her judgment, and her ability to be viewed as conducting her oversight duties impartially and without distraction. The nature of the complaints do not lend themselves to immediate resolution, and we do not want her to be distracted by those complaints or to distract the Commission from its essential work on behalf of the American people.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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