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The Honorable Denise Turner Roth  
Administrator  
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Dear Administrator Roth:

I write today to inform you of my recent Golden Fleece Award to the General Services Administration (GSA) for the mismanagement of a \$75 million building project for the Federal Protective Service (FPS). In an age of tight fiscal challenges, the mismanagement of millions of hardworking taxpayer dollars and lack of communications between the GSA and FPS are inexcusable.

As noted in the Government Accountability Office (GAO) study conducted in December of 2015, GSA never communicated with FPS during the design phase for the \$75 million facility, resulting in the building being unusable by the intended occupants. GAO has recommended, in part, that "FPS and GSA take actions to improve their collaboration in several areas, including defining common outcomes, agreeing on roles and responsibilities, and communicating compatible policies and procedures."

While Congress still must work to enact necessary reforms to ensure the further protection and proper use of federal tax dollars, GSA must be accountable for implementing common-sense policies to address critical priorities at the agency and ensure proper communication during these large projects. I am committed to eradicating the inefficient and ineffective operations of our federal agencies, and today's Golden Fleece highlights the current mismanagement of federal dollars at the expense of hardworking taxpayers.

I urge you to implement the GAO recommended changes to ensure effective collaboration and communication for future projects conducted by GSA. I also ask that you provide me with an update on any progress you make throughout the rest of this Congress to accomplish this goal, and I request that you provide me with information on the additional costs that will be incurred to ensure the functionality of the building for its intended use by FPS.

I request that you provide a response to my office by March 30, 2016. Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to working with you to address this important issue.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress