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Honorable Gerald Connolly  
Chairman  
House Subcommittee on Government Operations  
House Committee on Oversight and Reform  
2157 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Honorable Mark Meadows  
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Dear Chairman Connolly,

On behalf of the American Federation of Government Employees, AFL-CIO, (AFGE) which represents approximately 700,000 federal and District of Columbia government employees in 70 agencies, I thank you for the opportunity to testify before the House Committee on Oversight and Reform, Government Operations Subcommittee on May 21, 2019. I am writing to officially request a correction to the record of the hearing, “The Administration’s War on a Merit Based Civil Service.”

I testified that the “town hall” meeting at OPM regarding the Administration’s “reorganization” plan was initiated by the American Federation Government Employees Local 32. I have since learned that there have been two large meetings to discuss the plan, one initiated by Local 32 and one initiated by OPM management. It was the management-initiated meeting that was called a “town hall.” I apologize for this misstatement.

I thank you for holding the hearing and appreciate greatly the attention you have paid to this issue. I believe that the hearing demonstrated that the Administration has failed in its obligation to provide Congress and affected employees a coherent or plausible rationale for abolishing OPM.

Sincerely,

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National President