

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

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The Honorable Janet Yellen
Secretary
Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20220

Dear Secretary Yellen,

I look forward to working with you in my capacity as Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means. You will soon have the opportunity to testify before the Committee on the President's Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Request, which was due on February 6, 2023, but which I understand will be released more than one month late, on March 9, 2023. I urge you to make that appearance before the Committee on Ways and Means a top priority in your schedule.

In the 15 years preceding your tenure, Treasury Secretaries were prompt in testifying before the tax-writing committees, regardless of the party that held a majority in Congress. In most cases, Treasury Secretaries testified on the President's Budget Request the day after it was released.

Unfortunately, in previous years, your testimony on the President's Budget Request has been delayed—17 days in 2021 and more than two months in 2022. Given the significance of the policies under your stewardship, I cannot reiterate how important it is for you to prioritize testifying before the Committee immediately following the release of the President's Budget Request.

Hardworking families across the country are looking to the Committee on Ways and Means to increase the level of transparency and accountability from the Biden Administration. To fulfill our mandate and promise to the American people, I invite you to testify before the Committee on Ways and Means at 9:00 am on March 10, 2023, and I look forward to your testimony.

Sincerely,



Jason Smith
Chairman
Committee on Ways and Means