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Ms. Barbara Childs Wallace  
Chair, Board of Directors  
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Dear Ms. Wallace:

I write to thank the Office of Compliance (OOC) which acted, at my request, to secure and protect information it controls about victims of sexual harassment.

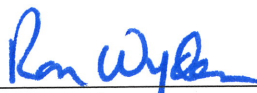
On December 14, my staff met with the OOC and learned that it stored all congressional sexual harassment complaint information on an unsecured server operated by a third-party contractor in a private data center.

Given the clear importance of protecting victims of sexual harassment, that arrangement was simply unacceptable. After my staff learned of this issue, I immediately alerted Senate leadership, and pressed for immediate action. When this did not yield timely results, I wrote to you on February 23, expressing my grave concerns with the OOC's practices, and asked you to immediately take action to protect data the OOC holds on victims of sexual harassment and other unacceptable workplace offenses. Thankfully, on February 27, the OOC shut down the server.

I understand that on March 27, the server was brought back online under the OOC's control and supervision. I also understand that the server is now held in a secure, congressional facility, is no longer connected to the internet, and can only be accessed by a direct hardwired connection. This configuration is decidedly more secure than before, and will help the OOC protect the identities and information of victims as the OOC continues to adjudicate their claims.

Although I am glad that the OOC's server has been secured, I hope this episode will be the beginning of a long-overdue public conversation about the need for Congress to prioritize its own cybersecurity.

Sincerely,



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