

# EXHIBIT A

DARRELL E. ISSA, CALIFORNIA  
CHAIRMAN

ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH CONGRESS

ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS, MARYLAND  
RANKING MINORITY MEMBER

JOHN L. MICA, FLORIDA  
MICHAEL R. TURNER, OHIO  
JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR., TENNESSEE  
PATRICK T. McHENRY, NORTH CAROLINA  
JIM JORDAN, OHIO  
JASON CHAFFETZ, UTAH  
TIM WALBERG, MICHIGAN  
JAMES LANKFORD, OKLAHOMA  
JUSTIN AMASH, MICHIGAN  
PAUL A. GOSAR, ARIZONA  
PATRICK MEEHAN, PENNSYLVANIA  
SCOTT DeJARLAIS, TENNESSEE  
TREY GOWDY, SOUTH CAROLINA  
BLAKE FARENTHOLD, TEXAS  
DOC HASTINGS, WASHINGTON  
CYNTHIA M. LUMMIS, WYOMING  
ROB WOODALL, GEORGIA  
THOMAS MASSIE, KENTUCKY  
DOUG COLLINS, GEORGIA  
MARK MEADOWS, NORTH CAROLINA  
KERRY L. BENTIVOLIO, MICHIGAN  
RON DeSANTIS, FLORIDA

# Congress of the United States

## House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM

2157 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING

WASHINGTON, DC 20515-6143

MAJORITY (202) 225-5074  
FACSIMILE (202) 225-3974  
MINORITY (202) 225-5051  
<http://oversight.house.gov>

February 4, 2013

CAROLYN B. MALONEY, NEW YORK  
ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON,  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
JOHN F. TIERNEY, MASSACHUSETTS  
WM. LACY CLAY, MISSOURI  
STEPHEN F. LYNCH, MASSACHUSETTS  
JIM COOPER, TENNESSEE  
GERALD E. CONNOLLY, VIRGINIA  
JACKIE SPEIER, CALIFORNIA  
MATTHEW A. CARTWRIGHT, PENNSYLVANIA  
MARK POCAN, WISCONSIN  
L. TAMMY DUCKWORTH, ILLINOIS  
DANNY K. DAVIS, ILLINOIS  
TONY CARDENAS, CALIFORNIA  
STEVEN A. HORSFORD, NEVADA  
MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM, NEW MEXICO

LAWRENCE J. BRADY  
STAFF DIRECTOR

Mr. Daniel Purcell  
Keker & Van Nest  
633 Battery Street  
San Francisco, CA 94111

Dear Mr. Purcell:

We understand that you are currently representing the family of Aaron Swartz. We ask that you extend to them our deepest sympathies for the loss of their son.

As you know, the Committee is investigating allegations relating to the circumstances surrounding Mr. Swartz's prosecution. The Committee is also examining the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, which was cited in several counts of the indictment in this matter, to determine whether reforms may be necessary.

In discussions with our staff, you explained that you are in possession of documents that were turned over by the U.S. Attorney's Office as part of the discovery process in the case against Mr. Swartz, but that these documents currently may be under seal as a result of an order issued by the court during the litigation.

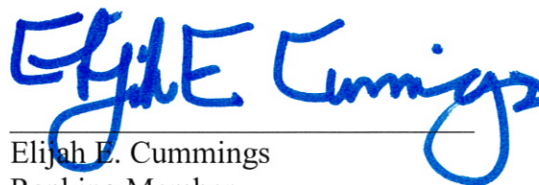
We are writing to officially request copies of the documents provided to Mr. Swartz during this case. In terms of communicating with the court regarding any sealing orders, this letter serves as written confirmation of the Committee's interest in obtaining copies of these documents.

If you have any questions, please contact Henry Kerner at (202) 225-5074 or Jaron Bourke at (202) 225-5051. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Sincerely,



Darrell E. Issa  
Chairman



Elijah E. Cummings  
Ranking Member