



April 28, 2020

The Honorable Carolyn Maloney  
Chairwoman of the Committee on Oversight and Reform  
2308 Rayburn House Office Building  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

**Re: Request for Correction #20-01 to NIST's Final Report on the Collapse of WTC 7**

Dear Madam Chairwoman:

Earlier this month, ten 9/11 family members, 88 architects and structural engineers, and the organization Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth — which represents more than 3,250 architects and engineers — submitted a Request for Correction (Request) under the Data Quality Act to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) regarding its 2008 *Final Report on the Collapse of World Trade Center Building 7* (WTC 7 Report).

The Request, attached hereto, describes eight items of information in the NIST WTC 7 Report that violate the Data Quality Act and NIST's Information Quality Standards. The Request is based in part on a report issued last month by researchers at the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF Report), also attached hereto. The UAF Report concludes that the destruction of the 47-story WTC 7 was *not* a result of fires, as claimed by NIST.

As the Request makes clear, the only way that each of NIST's information quality violations can ultimately be addressed is for NIST to develop a new "Probable Collapse Sequence" — i.e., a new theory for the cause of the collapse — that is both physically possible and consistent with the available evidence.

**I am writing to ask that you, as chairwoman of the House Committee on Oversight and Reform, take two actions regarding this Request and the NIST WTC 7 Report:**

1. Ask NIST to send you its initial decision on this Request, which NIST is required to issue by August 15, 2020. We believe it is important for NIST to understand that the congressional committees tasked with overseeing NIST are aware of this Request and are interested in its outcome. (Inquiries regarding this Request should be sent to Catherine S. Fletcher at [info.quality@nist.gov](mailto:info.quality@nist.gov) and should reference "Information Quality #20-01.")
2. Hold a hearing of the Committee on Oversight and Reform to examine the claims made in the Request and the profound discrepancies between the NIST WTC 7 Report and the UAF Report.

If you have any questions or wish to arrange a meeting with my colleagues and me to discuss this matter further, we would be honored to assist you.

Sincerely yours,

Richard Gage, AIA  
Founder and President

CC: Walter Copan, Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology and NIST Director  
Catherine S. Fletcher, Director, Management and Organization Office, NIST