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Harry C. Alford, President
National Black Chamber of Commerce
4400 Jenifer St., NW #331
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Dear Mr. Alford,

I was pleased to read in [POLITICO Influence](#) that you are interested in engaging in a “constructive dialogue” with the Checks and Balances Project. As you’ll remember, you did not seem pleased with our previous attempts to ask you questions about the National Black Chamber of Commerce’s (NBCC) membership, staffing and its relationship with the fossil fuel and utility industries.

In order to get greater clarity and transparency about NBCC’s operations, I would like to interview you at your office at your earliest convenience to obtain answers to the following questions:

1. How many members does the NBCC have?
2. Who are those members?
3. Why does so much of the organization’s budget go to consultants?
4. Who are the consultants?
5. Who occupies staff positions beyond your immediate family?

Central to your position as a credible authority are your repeated claims – under oath to Congress, in the media and online – to represent hundreds of thousands or millions of black-owned businesses. With that in mind, I look forward to getting answers to these important questions.

I’ll be sure to bring a video camera to ensure I accurately capture your answers to these important questions.

Please provide me with a few dates and times that work best for you.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Evlondo Cooper', written in a cursive style.

Evlondo Cooper
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