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The Honorable Doug Collins
Ranking Member
United States House of Representatives
House Committee on the Judiciary
2142 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington DC, 20515

Dear Ranking Member Collins:

Earlier this week, Chairman Schiff announced that the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI) is “preparing a report summarizing the evidence we have found this far, which will be transmitted to the Judiciary Committee soon after Congress returns from the Thanksgiving recess.”¹ That report will describe, among other things, “a months-long effort in which President Trump again sought foreign interference in our elections for his personal and political benefit at the expense of our national interest” and “an unprecedented campaign of obstruction in an effort to prevent the Committees from obtaining documentary evidence and testimony.”² As you are also aware, the Judiciary Committee has been engaged in an investigation concerning allegations that the President may have engaged in acts of obstruction of justice, as detailed in Special Counsel Robert Mueller’s *Report on the Investigation into Russian Interference in the 2016 Presidential Election*. For detailed discussion of the scope of the impeachment inquiry, I refer you to the report accompanying House Resolution 660.³

In anticipation of our consideration of these matters, I am writing with respect to the operation of section 4(c) of H. Res. 660, pursuant to which “[t]he ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary is authorized, with the concurrence of the Chair of the Committee on the Judiciary, to require [issuance of subpoenas or interrogatories] as deemed

¹ Chairman Adam Schiff, H. Permanent Select Comm. On Intelligence, *Dear Colleague from Chairman Adam Schiff on Next Steps for Impeachment Inquiry*, Nov. 25, 2019.

² *Id.*

³ See H. Rep. No. 116-266, at pp. 2-4 (2019).

necessary to the investigation.” If you would like to seek my concurrence to issue any subpoena or interrogatory under this rule, I ask that you do so no later than 5:00 pm on December 6, 2019.

Section 4(c) also provides that, “[i]n the case the chair declines to concur” in a proposed subpoena or interrogatory, “the ranking member shall have the right to refer to the committee for decision the question whether such authority shall be so exercised.” As a result, I am prepared to schedule a meeting of the Committee on Monday, December 9, 2019 to consider any such referrals in accordance with H. Res. 660.

I look forward to working together as we prepare for these important proceedings.

Sincerely,



Handwritten signature of Jerrold Nadler in blue ink.

Jerrold Nadler
Chairman