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Ms. Jennifer Leigh Moore
Executive Assistant Director
Human Resources Branch
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Dear Ms. Moore:

We are investigating serious allegations of abuse and misconduct within the senior leadership of the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. During the course of this investigation, we have received protected whistleblower disclosures that the FBI is engaging in a “purge” of employees with conservative views by revoking their security clearances and indefinitely suspending these employees. Many of the formal notices for these adverse personnel actions have been signed by you. Recently, we received information suggesting you have retaliated against at least one whistleblower who has made protected disclosures to Congress. As we informed Director Christopher Wray, we take whistleblower retaliation seriously and we therefore require that you appear for a transcribed interview as soon as possible.

FBI whistleblowers have told the Committee that you have been involved with the security clearance revocations for those employees targeted for their conservative views. In addition, we understand that you have engaged in whistleblower retaliation and prohibited personnel practices. Under Title 5 of the United States Code, once a whistleblower makes a protected disclosure, an agency is prohibited from retaliating against the employee for that disclosure by taking or failing to take a personnel action.¹ We have advised Director Wray, as well as Attorney General Merrick Garland, that whistleblower disclosures to Congress are protected by law.² Your efforts to interfere with FBI employees who seek to expose the Bureau’s misconduct by communicating directly with Congress cannot be condoned.

¹ 5 U.S.C. § 2302 (2021).

² See e.g. Letter from Rep. Jim Jordan, Ranking Member, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, to Hon. Christopher A. Wray, Dir., Fed. Bureau of Investigation (Mar. 9, 2022); Reps. Jim Jordan & Mike Johnson, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, to Hon. Merrick Garland, Atty Gen., U.S. Dep’t of Justice (May 11, 2022); Letter from Rep. Jim Jordan, Ranking Member, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, to Hon. Christopher A. Wray, Dir., Fed. Bureau of Investigation (Sept. 19, 2022).

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The Committee on the Judiciary has legislative and oversight jurisdiction over the Department of Justice and the FBI pursuant to Rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives. Your testimony is necessary for our oversight. Please contact Committee staff at (202) 225-6906 by October 4, 2022, to schedule your transcribed interview. If you are represented by private counsel, we look forward to communicating with them shortly.


Furthermore, this letter serves as a formal request to preserve all existing and future records and materials in your possession relating to the topics addressed in this letter. You should construe this preservation notice as an instruction to take all reasonable steps to prevent the destruction or alteration, whether intentionally or negligently, of all documents, communications, and other information, including electronic information and metadata, that are or may be responsive to this congressional inquiry. This instruction includes all electronic messages sent using your official and personal accounts or devices, including records created using text messages, phone-based message applications, or encryption software.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.


Sincerely,



Jim Jordan
Ranking Member



Darrell Issa
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual
Property and the Internet



Mike Johnson
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on the Constitution,
Civil Rights and Civil Liberties

cc: The Honorable Christopher A. Wray, Director, Federal of Bureau of Investigation
The Honorable Jerrold L. Nadler, Chairman