

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS
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November 18, 2022

Mr. Ronald A. Klain
Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Klain:

As we prepare for the 118th Congress, we write again to obtain your voluntary compliance with the outstanding requests for documents and information necessary for our oversight. We appreciate your prompt attention to these outstanding matters.

Over the past twenty-one months, we have made several requests for information and documents concerning the Biden Administration's misuse of federal criminal and counterterrorism resources to target concerned parents at school board meetings. We reiterated and itemized these requests in our recent letter of October 17, 2022, which is enclosed for your convenience. To date, you have ignored these requests. Please be aware that if our requests remain outstanding at the beginning of the 118th Congress, the Committee may be forced to resort to compulsory process to obtain the material we require.

In addition, to advance our oversight of the Biden Administration's use of federal law enforcement with respect to school board-related threats, we require prompt testimony from employees of the Executive Office of the President (EOP). We expect your unfettered cooperation in arranging for the Committee to receive testimony from EOP employees. As an initial matter, we anticipate requiring testimony, in hearings or transcribed interviews, from the following employees early in the 118th Congress:

1. Mary C. Wall, Senior Advisor, COVID-19 Response Team;
2. Julie C. Rodriguez, Director of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs;
3. Katherine Pantangco, Policy Advisor for Intergovernmental Affairs; and
4. Nezly Silva, Senior Policy Analyst for Intergovernmental Affairs.

To avoid any unnecessary delay in receiving the testimony of these employees, we ask that you direct your staff to work with Committee staff now on scheduling these events.

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The congressional oversight power, rooted in Article I of the Constitution, is “broad and indispensable.”¹ This authority “encompasses inquiries into the administration of existing laws, studies of proposed law, and surveys of defects in our societal, economic, or political system for the purpose of enabling the Congress to remedy them.”² The Judiciary Committee is authorized to conduct oversight of matters involving civil liberties and criminal law enforcement pursuant to the Rules of the House of Representatives.³

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Jim Jordan
Ranking Member




Steve Chabot
Member of Congress



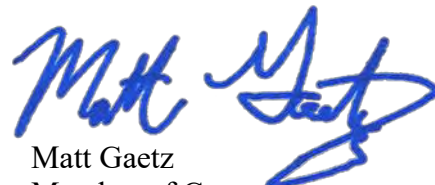
Louie Gohmert
Member of Congress



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



Ken Buck
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial
and Administrative Law



Matt Gaetz
Member of Congress

¹ See, e.g., *Trump v. Mazars LLP*, No. 19-715 at 11 (U.S. slip op. July 9, 2020) (citing *Watkins v. United States*, 354 U.S. 178, 187, 215 (1957)) (internal quotation marks and citations omitted).

² *Id.*

³ Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, R. X (2021).



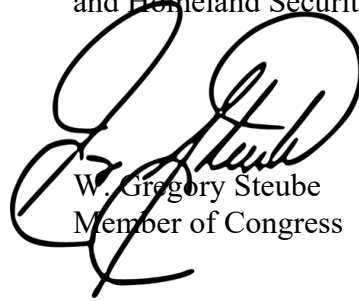
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Subcommittee on the Constitution,
Civil Rights and Civil Liberties



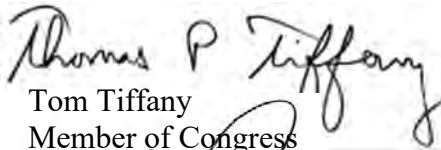
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and Citizenship



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cc: The Honorable Jerrold L. Nadler
Chairman

Enclosure

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October 17, 2022

Mr. Ronald A. Klain
Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Klain:

We are investigating the Biden Administration's misuse of federal criminal and counterterrorism resources to target concerned parents at school board meetings. We know from publicly available information that employees of the Executive Office of the President were involved in discussions surrounding the National School Boards Association's (NSBA) September 29, 2021, letter to President Biden and the letter's specific request that the Biden Administration use the Patriot Act to target parents. We also know that President Biden called the NSBA head to tell her he was "appreciative" of the letter and to invite her to the Oval Office. The American people, however, deserve much more accountability and transparency about the Biden Administration's anti-parent directives.

On June 14, 2022, Committee Republicans wrote to you requesting documents and information regarding the White House's collusion with the NSBA and its involvement in effectuating the misuse of federal criminal and counterterrorism resources against parents.¹ Now over four months later, you have failed to produce any of the requested documents or information. This is unacceptable.

Parents voicing their concerns at school board meetings are not domestic terrorists. Yet, the Attorney General's anti-parent directive of October 4, 2021, remains in effect, and as a result, the threat of federal law enforcement continues to chill the First Amendment rights of American parents. Committee Republicans intend to continue to pursue this serious misuse of federal law-enforcement resources, including if necessary into the 118th Congress. We reiterate our requests, which are itemized in the attached appendix and incorporated herein, and ask that you produce the entirety of the requested material as soon as possible but no later than October 31, 2022.

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

¹ Letter from Rep. Jim Jordan et al., Ranking Member, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, to Mr. Ronald A. Klain, Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff, The White House (Jun. 14, 2022).

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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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim Jordan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. Below the signature, the name "Jim Jordan" and the title "Ranking Member" are printed in a standard black font.

Jim Jordan
Ranking Member

cc: The Honorable Jerrold L. Nadler
Chairman

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Appendix: Document Requests to the White House

June 14, 2022:

1. All documents and communications between or among employees or officials of the Executive Office of the President referring or relating to the NSBA;
2. All documents and communications between or among employees or officials of the Executive Office of the President and employees or officials of the Department of Justice, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Education, and any executive branch department or agency referring or relating to the NSBA or school board-related threats;
3. All documents and communications between or among employees or officials of the Executive Office of the President and employees or officials of the Department of Justice referring or relating to the Attorney General's memorandum dated October 4, 2021; and
4. All documents and communications between or among employees or officials of the Executive Office of the President and employees of the NSBA referring or relating to the NSBA's September 29, 2021, letter to President Biden.