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Dear Mr. Ragsdale:

The Committee on the Judiciary is conducting oversight of the Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR).[1] To date, despite several requests, you have refused to provide critical information about OPR's operations that would meaningfully advance the Committee's oversight. The information that you have provided only reinforces our concerns that OPR acts more to protect Department prosecutors than to root out prosecutorial misconduct. While we appreciate you confirming an open investigation into Jack Smith's prosecutors, we are concerned that your refusal to take prompt investigative steps will allow these attorneys to evade internal accountability by leaving the Department.

On May 6, 2024, we wrote to you requesting documents related to OPR's investigations into allegations that Special Counsel Jack Smith and his team lied to a federal court, manipulated evidence seized by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) during its raid of Mar-a-Lago, and improperly pressured a lawyer representing a defendant indicted by Smith.[2] On August 2, we wrote to you concerning serious allegations of professional misconduct regarding another member of Smith's team, J.P. Cooney.[3] According to a July 2024 report issued by the Department's Office of the Inspector General (OIG), Cooney intentionally sought to impose an "unprecedented" and "excessive" prison sentence upon a criminal defendant, and then spread false conspiracy theories when his supervisors overruled his recommendation.[4] We requested that

[1] Letter from Rep. Jim Jordan, Chairman, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, to Mr. Jeffrey Ragsdale, Counsel, Office of Prof'l Responsibility, U.S. Dep't of Justice (May 6, 2024).
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OPR produce documents relating to any OPR investigation into Cooney or the circumstances surrounding his shocking sentencing recommendation.[5] To date, OPR has failed to produce any documents responsive to these requests.

Consequently, on September 12, in light of your failure to comply with the Committee's requests contained in our May 6 and August 2 letters, we requested that you make yourself available to the Committee for a transcribed interview to assist with our oversight efforts.[6] On October 8, we wrote to you again to reiterate our outstanding requests.[7] In response, the Department offered to make you available to brief the Committee.[8] As an extraordinary accommodation to you and the Department, and without waiving our requests, we accepted the Department's offer.[9]

During your November 19 briefing to the Committee, you confirmed that your office opened an investigation into Special Counsel Jack Smith's office in June 2023, after an attorney from his office "self-reported" potential misconduct to OPR. You stated that per Department policy—despite self-reporting of misconduct by Smith's own team—your office did not conduct an "inquiry" or "investigation" into the allegations during the pendency of litigation in the cases brought by the Special Counsel's Office because it could "interfer[e] with" and "jeopardize" the prosecution. As you explained it, the Department's policy would keep bad-actor attorneys in place to continue prosecutorial misconduct because of the administrative difficulty and resource constraints involved in switching attorneys. This excuse not only defies common sense, but it seems to violate the Department's mission to ensure that justice is done in every case.

After Smith told the media that he was "expected to leave" the Department before President Trump assumes office and that his team was "making moves to wind down" his two criminal cases, Smith then gave your office permission to investigate the allegations of attorney misconduct by Smith's office. You stated that Smith only allowed the investigation to begin because it would now no longer "interfere with the Special Counsel's investigation and prosecution." It is absurd that OPR—the Department entity charged with upholding ethical conduct—would only examine allegations of prosecutorial misconduct *after* the subject of the allegations has approved the inquiry. This process does not inspire any confidence that OPR's examination will be independent or impartial.

RECOMMENDATION IN UNITED STATES V. ROGER STONE at 84 (July 24, 2024)). The OIG also found that Cooney's false conspiracy theories "formed a substantial basis for [former Maryland Assistant United States Attorney and one of the criminal defendant's former prosecutors, Aaron] Zelinsky's[,] explosive but wrong testimony to the House Judiciary Committee on June 24, 2020[," when he alleged that "improper considerations influenced the Department's handling of the [criminal defendant's] sentencing recommendation." *Id.*

[5] *Id.*

[6] *Id.*

[7] Letter from Rep. Jim Jordan, Chairman, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, to Mr. Jeffrey Ragsdale, Counsel, Office of Prof'l Responsibility, U.S. Dep't of Justice (Oct. 8, 2024).

[8] Letter from Hon. Carlos F. Uriarte, Assistant Att'y Gen., U.S. Dep't of Justice, to Rep. Jim Jordan, Chairman, H. Comm. on the Judiciary at 2 (Oct. 22, 2024).

[9] Email from Comm. Staff, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, to Office Staff, Office of Leg. Affairs, U.S. Dep't of Justice (Oct. 28, 2024, 11:57 a.m.).

During the briefing, you declined to give the Committee a timeframe in which OPR would complete its investigation and ultimately release its report and recommendations. In addition, you wrongly stated that the Committee could not receive a copy of your final report because of the Privacy Act. As we explained during the briefing, the Privacy Act has an express exemption for disclosing material to a Committee chairman such that it is not a barrier to you cooperating with the Committee's oversight.[10] Your continued failure to cooperate with our oversight and apparent intention to hide information from the Committee is more evidence that OPR operates to protect Department attorneys from independent accountability.

Pursuant to the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee is authorized to conduct oversight of the Justice Department to inform potential legislative reforms.[11] As previously stated, Congress has long considered potential legislative reforms to the operations of OPR, including proposals that would remove OPR's exclusive authority to review allegations of ethical misconduct levied against Department attorneys.[12] The Department's and OPR's failures to provide any detailed information demonstrate the need for Congress to reexamine these potential reforms to determine whether OPR is a necessary component of the Department.

The Committee accepted your briefing as an accommodation to the Department and in an effort to advance our oversight. Unfortunately, there were several areas of inquiry about which you were unable to provide information. Consequently, the Committee reiterates our requests contained in September 12 and October 8 letters—which are enclosed and incorporated herein. Further, this letter serves as a formal request to preserve all existing and future records and materials related to OPR's investigation into Special Counsel Smith and members of his prosecution team. Your office 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 official and personal accounts or devices, including records created using text messages, phone-based message applications or encryption software.

As we have explained, the briefing did not alleviate concerns about ORP's inquiry or satisfy the Committee's informational needs. Accordingly, we again ask that you produce the requested documents and information as soon as possible but not later than 10:00 a.m. on December 18, 2024.

[10] 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)(9) (2024) (explicitly providing that the Privacy Act does not apply when the requested information would be disclosed to either House of Congress).
[11] Rules of the House of Representatives, R. X (2023).
[12] *See, e.g.*, H.R. 3154, Inspector General Act of 2017, 115th Cong. (2017).

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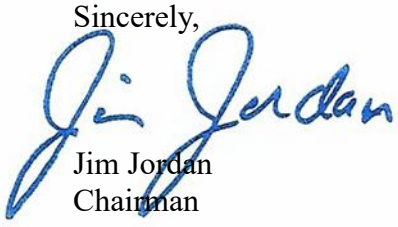

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September 12, 2024

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Dear Mr. Ragsdale:

On May 6, 2024, the Committee wrote to you requesting a briefing and relevant documents regarding serious allegations of prosecutorial misconduct against Special Counsel Jack Smith and Jay Bratt, Counselor to Special Counsel Smith.[1] On August 2, 2024, we wrote to you again regarding troubling ethical allegations related to another senior attorney on Mr. Smith's team, J.P. Cooney. [2] In reply to our inquiries, the Department has declined to provide any substantive information or any meaningful response to give the Committee confidence that the Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) is upholding "the stringent professional standards expected of the nation's principal law enforcement agency."[3] As such, as the Committee considers the necessity for potential legislative reforms to ensure that Department attorneys adhere to the highest ethical standards, we require your testimony in a transcribed interview setting about the work of OPR.

The Committee has twice inquired about serious allegations of ethical misconduct by senior attorneys involved in the unprecedented prosecution of the Biden-Harris Administration's political opponent in the upcoming presidential election. The Department, responding on your behalf, has twice dismissed these concerns out of hand. The Department has failed to provide any

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[3] *Organization, Mission and Functions Manual, Office of Professional Responsibility*, U.S. DEP'T OF JUSTICE (last accessed Sept. 4, 2024).

assurances that OPR is taking these allegations seriously, or whether your office is even reviewing the allegations at all.

The Department has indicated that OPR will "hold in abeyance misconduct allegations concerning Department attorneys, including attorneys working with the [Special Counsel's Office], during pending litigation."[4] This representation, even if it is OPR's "longstanding policy,"[5] is concerning in that it allows Department attorneys who engage in misconduct to continue to do so until the conclusion of the case. This policy not only risks prolonged prosecutorial misconduct, but it also undermines the "primary duty" of a prosecutor to "seek justice . . . , not merely to convict."[6] In addition, if Mr. Smith and his attorneys leave the Department at the conclusion of the prosecution—as has been practice for other senior attorneys involved in recent Special Counsel investigations[7]—this policy means that OPR will never have the chance to examine the ethical allegations against them.

In addition, with respect to the allegations against Mr. Cooney, the Department indicated that OPR will not examine the allegations because the Office of Inspector General (OIG)—which was reviewing the incident in question—did not "refer to OPR allegations of misconduct within OPR's jurisdiction."[8] While federal law allows the OIG to refer matters to OPR, nothing prevents OPR from initiating a review of the allegations under its own authority without an OIG referral.[9] Mr. Cooney's conduct as outlined by the OIG—spreading baseless, politically motivated conspiracy theories during internal Department sentencing deliberations—certainly concerns his professionalism as an attorney and thus appear to fall within OPR's jurisdiction. OPR's decision to ignore the allegations suggests, at best, a dereliction of duty and a failure to uphold the highest standards of conduct.

Congress has long considered potential legislative reforms to the operations of OPR, including proposals that would remove OPR's exclusive authority to review allegations of ethical misconduct levied against Department attorneys.[10] The Department's failure to seriously engage on our inquiries or provide any substantive information raises the prospect that Congress should reexamine these reforms. Based on the Department's responses to date, the Committee has no

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[7] Special Counsel Robert Mueller, along with deputies Andrew Weissman and Aaron Zebley, resigned from the Department after Special Counsel Mueller's investigation concluded. Don Sweeney, *Mueller says charging Trump never an option in Russia investigation, resigns office*, THE SACRAMENTO BEE (May 31, 2019); Carrie Johnson, *Top Mueller Prosecutor Stepping Down In Latest Clue Russia Inquiry May Be Ending*, NAT'L PUB. RADIO (Mar. 14, 2019); *see* Mike Memoli, et al., *Mueller makes request for aide Aaron Zebley to appear during testimony*, NBC NEWS (July 24, 2019).
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confidence that the OPR is adequately upholding "the stringent professional standards" required of Department attorneys. Accordingly, to assist the Committee's oversight and inform potential legislative reforms to OPR, we request that you make yourself available for a transcribed interview with the Committee.

Pursuant to the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to conduct oversight of the Justice Department to inform potential legislative reforms.[11] To schedule your transcribed interview, please contact Committee staff at (202) 225-6906 as soon as possible, but no later than 10:00 a.m. on September 26, 2024. If you are represented by private counsel, please forward this letter to your attorney and ask him or her to contact Committee staff directly on your behalf.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Ragsdale:

On September 12, 2024, we requested that you appear for a voluntary transcribed interview concerning the work of the Justice Department's Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR).[1] In this letter, the Committee detailed our concerns regarding serious allegations of ethical misconduct by two senior attorneys involved in the unprecedented prosecution of the Biden-Harris Administration's political opponent in the upcoming presidential election.[2] Although the Department responded on your behalf by asserting without evidence that the allegations were "misplaced," it declined to make you available for a transcribed interview. We write to reiterate our request and ask that you voluntarily comply with our oversight. The Committee is prepared to resort to compulsory process if necessary.

In two separate letters to you we have detailed serious allegations of ethical impropriety committed by senior members of Special Counsel Jack Smith's office. One attorney, Jay Bratt, allegedly "improperly pressured [a] lawyer representing [a defendant in Special Counsel Smith's classified document case against President Donald J. Trump] by implying that the [Biden-Harris] Administration would look more favorably on the lawyer's candidacy for a judgeship if his client cooperated with Special Counsel Smith."[3] In addition, the Department of Justice's Office of the Inspector General (OIG) explained how that another attorney, J.P. Cooney, spread baseless and politically motivated conspiracy theories in the case of Roger Stone, eventually seeking "an 'unprecedented' sentence of seven to nine years in prison for Stone, which was reportedly

[1] Letter from Rep. Jim Jordan, Chairman, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, to Mr. Jeffrey Ragsdale, Counsel, Office of Prof'l Responsibility, U.S. Dep't of Justice (Sept. 12, 2024) ("Committee Sept. 12 Letter"). The Department confirmed receipt of the letter at 10:29 a.m. on September 12, 2024. *See* Email from Department Staff, U.S. Dep't of Justice, to Committee Staff, H. Comm. on the Judiciary (Sept. 12, 2024, 10:29 a.m.) (on file with Committee).
[2] *Id.*
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'dramatically beyond what others convicted of similar crimes faced.'"[4] Cooney filled the sentencing memorandum for Stone "with every escalatory adjustment it could find. . . ."[5]

Despite the seriousness of these allegations, the Justice Department told the Committee via letter dated September 26, 2024, among other things, that our concerns are "misplaced."[6] Specifically, the Department asserted that it is a court's duty, and not that of the Department or OPR, to "supervise" the federal prosecutors and "review allegations of prosecutorial misconduct and hold prosecutors accountable by imposing sanctions on the government or individual prosecutors if appropriate."[7] The Department explained that it only opens cases against Department attorneys "after the conclusion of the cases from which they arise[.]"[8]

It is striking that the Department would be so dismissive about serious allegations of ethical misconduct by senior attorneys in its most high-profile prosecution. According to the Department's own regulations, OPR has the duty to "[r]eceive, review, investigate, and refer for appropriate action allegations of misconduct involving Department attorneys that relate to the exercise of their authority to investigate, litigate or provide legal advice, as well as allegations of misconduct by law enforcement personnel . . . ."[9] We can find no statutory or regulatory authority—and the Department provides none—requiring OPR to defer an investigation of a prosecutor until the conclusion of the prosecution. Such a delay only allows the misconduct to continue.

The misconduct allegations against Bratt and Cooney clearly fall into the scope of OPR's authority. Your refusal to take any apparent action in these cases suggests that the Department and the Biden-Harris Administration condone the prosecutorial misconduct of senior attorneys working to prosecute its chief political rival. While the Department seems to believe that the current OPR procedures are sufficient to address prosecutorial misconduct, the Committee does not share this view. The Department has given us no information from which to be confident that it is upholding the highest ethical standards required by federal prosecutors. Your failure to cooperate with our oversight only reinforces a concern that OPR operates to protect Department prosecutors from independent accountability.

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[7] *Id.* at 1.

[8] *Id.* at 2 ("OPR's longstanding practice of investigating allegations of attorney misconduct after the conclusion of the cases from which they arise is the result of extensive experience in handling such complaints, including those made during or that stem from ongoing litigation.").

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Prof'l Responsibility, U.S. Dep't of Justice, at 2 (Aug. 2, 2024) (quoting OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GEN., U.S.

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