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December 6, 2017

The Honorable Jeff Sessions
The Honorable Rod J. Rosenstein
The Honorable Christopher Wray
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Attorney General Sessions, Deputy Attorney General Rosenstein, and Director Wray:

Earlier this year, media reports indicated that in 2016, the FBI used information contained in a controversial dossier to justify a FISA warrant against Carter Page, a onetime advisor to President Trump's presidential campaign.¹ Former FBI Director James Comey also apparently cited the dossier "as one of the sources of information the bureau has used to bolster its investigation."² Recent revelations make clear that the dossier was "opposition research" funded by the Democratic National Committee, and the Clinton campaign.³

As you know, this Committee has repeatedly requested information from the Justice Department pertaining to the 2016 presidential election, the FBI's investigation of former Secretary Clinton's email server, and the actions of former Director Comey and senior FBI officials and investigators in connection with that investigation. This Committee has also requested that the Department appoint a second Special Counsel to investigate these matters.⁴ The Department has not done so to date. Consequently, in October, this Committee initiated a joint investigation of these matters with the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.⁵

As the principal Committee of jurisdiction over the FBI and DOJ, it is imperative that this Committee conduct oversight over the decision to seek a FISA warrant based, at least in part, on

¹ See, e.g., "FBI used dossier allegations to bolster Trump-Russia investigation," CNN, April 19, 2017, available at <http://edition.cnn.com/2017/04/18/politics/fbi-dossier-carter-page-donald-trump-russia-investigation/>.

² *Id.*

³ "Clinton campaign, DNC paid for research that led to Russia dossier," The Washington Post, October 24, 2017, available at https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/clinton-campaign-dnc-paid-for-research-that-led-to-russia-dossier/2017/10/24/226fabf0-b8e4-11e7-a908-a3470754bbb9_story.html?utm_term=.7841bf532e33.

⁴ "Goodlatte and Judiciary Republicans Renew Call for Second Special Counsel to Address Issues Outside the Scope of Mueller's Investigation," available at <https://judiciary.house.gov/press-release/goodlatte-judiciary-republicans-renew-call-second-special-counsel-address-issues-outside-scope-muellers-investigation/>.

⁵ "Goodlatte, Gowdy Open Investigation into Decisions Made by DOJ in 2016," available at <https://judiciary.house.gov/press-release/goodlatte-gowdy-open-investigation-decisions-made-doj-2016/>.

politically-motivated opposition research. As such, please provide this Committee with all relevant information reportedly presented to the FISA Court used to justify that FISA warrant. Please do so at your earliest convenience, but no later than December 15, 2017.

Sincerely,



BOB GOODLATTE
Chairman