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The Honorable Christopher Wray
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Director Wray:

We have learned today through media reporting of Deputy Director Andrew McCabe's decision to step down. As the number two official at the FBI, the Deputy Director oversees all FBI operations, including criminal, terrorism, and counterintelligence investigations. You are now faced with naming someone new to serve as your Deputy. This is an important decision in helping to restore public trust and confidence in the FBI, after the significant disruption of the past two years.

Deputy Director McCabe's decision to step down comes at a time where a confluence of events and reporting show serious irregularities in the FBI and DOJ's investigation of former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's mishandling of classified information. Deputy Director McCabe was prominently involved in both that investigation and the FBI's pre-Special Counsel investigation into allegations of collusion between the Trump campaign and Russia. It is essential that the FBI preserve Mr. McCabe's emails, and all other communications, before his official departure from the agency.

This Committee currently has an investigation open on the FBI's handling of the events surrounding the 2016 election. It is therefore essential that we have all of Deputy Director McCabe's documents and communications pertaining to the 2016 election. It is also in the public interest that all documents and communications pertaining to Mr. McCabe's involvement in the pre-Special Counsel Russia investigation be preserved from destruction or deletion. These measures are critical to ensure that this Committee and others can perform necessary and robust Congressional oversight.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this request.

Sincerely,



Bob Goodlatte
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