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The Honorable Ron Johnson
Chairman
Committee on Homeland Security
and Governmental Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Lamar Smith
Chairman
Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Johnson and Chairman Smith:

This responds to your letter to the Attorney General, dated September 9, 2016, requesting certain documents related to the Department of Justice's (the Department) investigation into the use of a private email server by former Secretary of State Clinton.

As you know, on August 16, 2016, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) provided for review by committees of jurisdiction and appropriately-cleared staff a number of documents related to the investigation, including numerous interview summaries. The FBI has since provided all remaining interview summaries in the same manner. Consistent with Director Comey's commitment to unprecedented transparency with respect to this investigation, these materials have been and remain available for review. The Department also provided to committees of jurisdiction and their staffs multiple in camera reviews of the immunity agreements related to this case.¹ In addition, the FBI has released *publicly* 347 pages of documents available at <https://vault.fbi.gov/hillary-r.-clinton>,² including interview summaries for employees of Platte River Networks.

¹ These documents had limited redactions to protect the identity of line attorneys whose exercise of independent judgment is essential to the integrity of our law enforcement and litigation functions, and to public confidence in the exercise of those functions. We trust that you share our longstanding position that we should avoid even the perception that our line attorneys are subject to political pressure or influence of any sort.

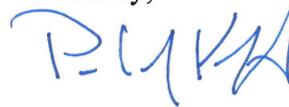
² Note that appropriate redactions have been made for classified information and other material exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

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As in all cases, the Department strives to address Congressional oversight interests to the fullest extent possible consistent with our law enforcement responsibilities, including the very real concerns we know you share about unnecessarily exposing sensitive information in our investigative records. The nature of the investigative materials already provided in this matter has been unprecedented. While the Department is committed to working with Congress to satisfy its oversight interests, we must do so in a way that does not harm our ongoing and future law enforcement efforts.

We hope that our extraordinary efforts detailed above, as well as public testimony by multiple Department and FBI officials, including the Attorney General and the Director of the FBI, has been helpful to you. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may provide additional assistance regarding this or any other matter.

Sincerely,



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Committee on Homeland Security
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Ranking Member
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