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The Honorable Rod Rosenstein Deputy Attorney General U.S. Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Ave, NW Washington, D.C. 20530

The Honorable Christopher Wray Director Federal Bureau of Investigation 935 Pennsylvania Ave, NW Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Deputy Attorney General Rosenstein and Director Wray:

During our last in-person meeting to discuss the August 24, 2017, subpoenas issued by this Committee to the Department of Justice (DOJ) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)—which remain in force—you expressed a desire to restore a constructive working relationship with the Committee, and specifically asked that we seek to proceed on a more informal basis without the need for detailed written communications.

At your request, I have endeavored to execute the Committee's oversight responsibilities more informally. More than a month ago, on February 27, 2018, I requested Director Wray's assistance in gaining access to an unredacted version of an Electronic Communication (EC) related to the opening of an FBI counterintelligence investigation into the Trump campaign and responsive to the August 24 subpoenas, which had been made available to the Committee in heavily redacted form. I made Deputy Attorney General Rosenstein aware of this request in early March. On March 14, 2018, Committee investigators were given access to a still heavily redacted version of the EC, which—as I informed Director Wray the next day via phone—was unsatisfactory.

On March 23, 2018, FBI's Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs informed the Committee that FBI would refuse to further unredact the EC based on its supposed sensitivity. The

document in question is not highly classified, and law enforcement sources have apparently not been shy about leaking to the press information that the Department and Bureau refuse to share with Congress.

Additionally, DOJ has for months restricted Member access to other documents responsive to the August 24 subpoenas, including four Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) applications targeting Carter Page. As I made clear in a November 2, 2017, letter to Deputy Attorney General Rosenstein, my initial designation of Rep. Trey Gowdy to review the documents was "made without prejudice to, and shall not limit or waive the authority of all Members of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence from reviewing the documents at a later date upon request."

The Committee communicated such a request via email to DOJ's Office of Legislative Affairs (OLA) on February 7, 2018, and followed up—again via email—on February 8, February 14, and February 26. After nearly three weeks without a meaningful response, OLA finally informed the Committee on February 26, 2018, that "the Department has not agreed to allow further member access." Particularly given that multiple members of other committees have been the beneficiaries of such access, this arbitrary resistance to legitimate oversight is unacceptable.

Therefore, in accordance with the August 24, 2017 subpoenas, you are hereby directed to produce to the Committee, by Wednesday, April 11, 2018, an unredacted version of the EC, along with any and all responsive documents previously made available for *in camera* review, including but not limited to the Carter Page FISA applications. Be advised that failure to comply in a satisfactory manner will result in the Committee pursuing all appropriate legal remedies, including seeking civil enforcement of the August 24 subpoenas in federal district court.

Best regards,

Devin Nunes Chairman