

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Mr. Matthew Whitaker
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Dear Mr. Whitaker:

Our understanding is that Attorney General Jeff Sessions has been removed at the request of the President. We ask that you confirm that the Justice Department has preserved all materials related to any investigations by the Special Counsel's office, including any related investigations conducted by any component of the Justice Department. We also ask that you preserve all materials related to the departure of Attorney General Sessions.

This request applies to all documents, records, memoranda, correspondence, or other communication, or any portion thereof relevant to the work of the Office of the Special Counsel or the departure of the Attorney General. We remind you that concealing, removing, or destroying such records may constitute a crime, may result in the immediate disqualification from holding a position in the federal government, and may be punishable by up to three years' imprisonment under federal law.¹

Committees of the United States Congress are conducting investigations parallel to those of the Special Counsel's office and preservation of records is critical to ensure that we are able to do our work without interference or delay. Committees will also be investigating Attorney General Sessions' departure. We therefore ask that you immediately provide us with all orders, notices, and guidance regarding preservation of information related to these matters and investigations.

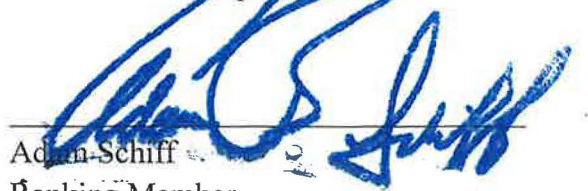
We look forward to your prompt attention and response to our request.

Sincerely,


¹ 18 U.S.C. § 2071. *See also* 44 U.S.C. § 3106.



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