



Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

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

The Honorable Christopher A. Wray
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Rosenstein and Director Wray:

On November 3, 2017, the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform and the Judiciary requested documents and communications referring or relating to decisions made at the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in 2016.¹ On February 1, 2018, both Committees followed up on this initial request and specifically requested “DOJ provide copies of all Page and Strzok text messages it has and provide additional texts as they become available on a rolling basis.”² Today, the DOJ Office of the Inspector General (OIG) released a report titled *A Review of Various Actions by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Department of Justice in Advance of the 2016 Election*. As part of the review, the OIG collected text messages between FBI employees Page and Strzok.

In reviewing this report it is clear the FBI and DOJ withheld relevant text communications between Lisa Page and Peter Strzok. The Deputy Attorney General learned of these texts days before the IG report was made public while others at the DOJ or FBI learned of these texts in May of 2018. The failure to disclose and produce these messages to Congress continues a pattern of non-cooperation and interference with the pendency of our joint investigation. It will not be countenanced.

¹ See Letter from Chairmen Goodlatte and Gowdy to Attorney Gen'l Sessions and Deputy Attorney General Rosenstein, Nov. 11, 2017, on file with the Committees.

² See Letter from Chairmen Goodlatte and Gowdy to Attorney Gen'l Sessions and Deputy Attorney General Rosenstein, Feb. 1, 2018, on file with the Committees.

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In order to help the Committees understand why these communications were withheld from Congress, please provide all documents and communications referring or relating to the text messages in question, including but not limited to any communications about providing those messages to, or withholding those messages from the Committees.

Additionally, the Committees request your testimony at a joint hearing the week of June 25, 2018. Further instructions related to your appearance at the hearing will be provided.

Please contact Sean Brebbia of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform at (202) 225-5074 or Robert Parmiter of the Committee on the Judiciary at (202) 225-3951 with any questions about this request. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Bob Goodlatte
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary



Trey Gowdy
Chairman
Committee on Oversight and
Government Reform

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Jerrold Nadler, Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary

The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings, Ranking Member
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

**COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
115TH CONGRESS**

NOTICE OF APPEARANCE OF COUNSEL

Counsel submitting: _____

Bar number: _____ **State/District of admission:** _____

Attorney for: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ - _____

Pursuant to Rule 16 of the Committee Rules, notice is hereby given of the entry of the undersigned as counsel for _____ in (select one):

- All matters before the Committee**
- The following matters (describe the scope of representation):**

All further notice and copies of papers and other material relevant to this action should be directed to and served upon:

Attorney's name: _____

Attorney's email address: _____

Firm name (where applicable): _____

Complete Mailing Address: _____

I agree to notify the Committee within 1 business day of any change in representation.

Signature of Attorney

Date