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Feinstein Statement on Mueller Report

Washington—Senate Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) released the following statement on the Mueller report:

“Regarding Russian interference in the 2016 election, the Mueller report provides a very thorough review not only of Russian actions, but also of related activities carried out by Trump campaign officials. The report presents a campaign that, in Mueller’s words, ‘expected it would benefit electorally from information stolen and released through Russian efforts.’

“Regarding obstruction of justice, the report lays out 10 instances where President Trump tried to obstruct the investigation. While some of President Trump’s actions were public, the report provides significant new details about his efforts to interfere in the investigation and his desire to protect himself. The report goes on to state that ‘...Congress may apply the obstruction laws to the President’s corrupt exercise of the powers of office... .’

“Moving forward, Congress should receive the unredacted report and underlying evidence as soon as possible. Also, Attorney General Barr must commit to not interfere with other investigations, including the 14 investigations mentioned in the report and all congressional reviews. Finally, I will ask Chairman Graham to hold hearings before the Judiciary Committee, including with Special Counsel Mueller. Congress has an obligation to ensure that activities like those laid out in this report are never repeated.”

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