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Dear Mr. McGahn:

On October 18, the Committee sent Jared Kushner a request to appear for an interview with the Committee. We have several document requests that bear on Mr. Kushner's upcoming testimony. These documents are particularly important to our understanding of Russian interference in the 2016 election and the possible obstruction of justice given Mr. Kushner's role on the campaign, transition team, and as a senior advisor to the President. We are writing to renew our request for documents related to these events given upcoming staff interviews.

Press reports indicate that Mr. Kushner "strongly advocated" for the dismissal of FBI Director James Comey, and that the President has blamed Mr. Kushner "for his role in decisions, specifically the firings of Mike Flynn and James Comey." Mr. Kushner – along with campaign manager Paul Manafort and Donald Trump Jr. – took a meeting that was billed as an opportunity to obtain "official documents and information that would incriminate Hillary and her dealings with Russia" as part of "Russia and its government's support for Mr. Trump." Mr. Kushner also met with Russian Ambassador Sergey Kislyak at least twice (in April and again in December 2016) and with Sergey Gorkov, the head of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Glenn Thrush, Maggie Haberman, and Sharon LaFrainiere, "Jared Kushner's Role Is Tested as Russia Case Grows," New York Times, May 28, 2017;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Gabriel Sherman, "You Can't Go Any Lower," Vanity Fair, Nov. 1, 2017.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> New York Times, "Read the Emails on Donald Trump Jr.'s Russia Meeting, July 11, 2017.

the Russian-run Vnesheconombank in December 2016.<sup>4</sup> There have been conflicting accounts of that meeting from the White House and the Russian bank and it remains unclear why Mr. Kushner was meeting with the head of a bank that has been under US sanctions since 2014.<sup>5</sup>

On October 27, 2017, I wrote to follow up on a number of documents requested by the Senate Judiciary Committee and to request some additional documents regarding the firing of FBI Director James Comey and alleged ties between President Trump's associates and Russia. It is important that we have those documents with sufficient time for review before Mr. Kushner's appearance. Your cooperation is particularly important as Mr. Kushner's attorneys have referred us to the White House to obtain documents that were created after January 20, 2017. I therefore ask that you prioritize for production no later than November 27, 2017:

- 1. Documents related to the firing of FBI Director James Comey, including any documents sent to, from, or reviewed by Mr. Kushner;
- 2. Documents concerning the June 9, 2016 meeting between Mr. Kushner, Donald J. Trump Jr., Paul Manafort, and Russian lawyer Natalia Veselnitskaya;
- 3. Documents concerning statements issued by Donald J. Trump Jr. or the White House about the June 9, 2016 meeting attended by Mr. Kushner, including all drafts by White House advisors (including Mr. Kushner); and
- 4. Documents regarding the hiring and firing of Lt. General Michael Flynn, including any documents sent to, from, or reviewed by Mr. Kushner.
- 5. On June 22nd (and again on July 20th), the Committee requested information related to Mr. Kushner's security clearance. The media has reported that Mr. Kushner failed to disclose meetings with certain Russian government officials on his application for a top secret security clearance.

Eric Tucker, "4 meetings with Russian disclosed by Jared Kushner," Chicago Tribune, July 24, 2017.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> David Filipov et al., "Explanation for Kushner's meeting with head of Kremlin-lined bank don't match up," The Washington Post, June 1, 2017.

Please produce the documents requested on June 22nd, including but not limited to Sections 19, 20B.1, and 20B.6 of Mr. Kushner's SF 86.

In order to conduct a fair, balanced, and thorough investigation the Committee needs to have the facts, and –the requested documents. This is also important for the Committee's upcoming questioning of Mr. Kushner. I appreciate your prompt attention to this important matter, and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Dianne Feinstein

United States Senator

cc: The Honorable Charles E. Grassley