

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on the Judiciary

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The Honorable William Barr, Esq.
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Attorney General Barr,

The House Judiciary Committee is investigating a number of actions that threaten our nation's longstanding commitment to the rule of law, including allegations of obstruction of justice, public corruption, and other abuses of power. As part of that work, I write to request that you provide the documents set forth in the attached Document Requests no later than March 18, 2019.

This is a critical time for our nation. President Trump and his administration face wide-ranging allegations of misconduct that strike at the heart of our constitutional order. Congress has a constitutional duty to serve as a check and balance against any such excesses. We have an obligation to investigate evidence of abuses of executive power, public corruption, and acts of obstruction designed to undermine both our laws and the credibility of the agencies that enforce those laws. We are also responsible for passing laws to address, and prevent the recurrence, of any such misconduct.


Under the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee's jurisdiction includes the judiciary and judicial proceedings, civil liberties, criminal law enforcement, and questions of constitutional law. The Committee is the main oversight authority for the Department of Justice, including its component agencies, its personnel, and its law enforcement activities. The Committee has also played a historic role as the primary forum for hearings on the abuse of executive power.

Given this charge, over the course of our investigation, the Committee is determined to ask critical questions, gather all of the relevant information, judiciously assess the evidence, and present our findings to the American people, whatever those findings may be.

To that end, I respectfully ask that you produce the documents set forth in the Document Requests. As you will see, I have limited the initial production to materials that have already been produced in other proceedings to reduce the burden on you and so that they may be provided to us by March 18. My staff will work with you on a mutually agreeable schedule for the production of the remainder of the documents in Schedule A.

Thank you for your prompt attention to these requests.

Sincerely,



Jerrold Nadler

Chairman

House Committee on the Judiciary

cc: Honorable Doug Collins, Ranking Member, House Committee on the Judiciary