

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

June 5, 2018

The Honorable Rod J. Rosenstein
Deputy Attorney General of the United States
United States Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20530

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

Dear Deputy Attorney General Rosenstein and Director Wray:

We remain deeply troubled by President Donald Trump and his legal team's persistent efforts to interfere with the Special Counsel's ongoing investigation and undermine your agencies' lawful activities.

Most recently, Rudy Giuliani, one of the President's personal attorneys, repeated publicly that the White House and the President's lawyers expect access to classified information of the utmost sensitivity related to the Special Counsel's ongoing investigation. Executive agencies earlier had briefed this information to select Members of Congress in response to a publicly-announced directive from President Trump.¹ Giuliani also said that the President will refuse to be interviewed by the Special Counsel, unless the President's attorneys are permitted to review related classified documents.²

These demands, if fulfilled, would grossly violate our system of checks and balances, established procedure and fundamental norms. Although he has not been indicted, President Trump's own conduct reportedly remains under examination by the Special Counsel. And absent an indictment, the subjects of federal investigation cannot access law enforcement or related national security information for any reason.

As the President's attorney has made clear, his legal team wishes to obtain the classified information at issue, not for any legitimate purpose—but instead to frustrate and discredit publicly the work of the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

¹ Jonathan Lemire and Eric Tucker, "Giuliani: White House Wants Briefing on Classified Info," the Associated Press (May 26, 2018); Josh Dawsey and John Wagner, "Giuliani says Trump won't sit for Mueller interview unless all FBI source documents can be reviewed" (May 29, 2018).

² Jonathan Lemire and Eric Tucker, "Giuliani Says Informant Info Key to Giving Mueller Interview," the Associated Press (May 29, 2018).

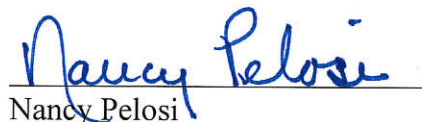
These developments leave us concerned that, through his legal team or otherwise, the President will continue to pressure your agencies to divulge investigative information which he, his attorneys, and his congressional allies then could manipulate or even disclose publicly for the President's benefit. That would be a terrible abuse of power.

We thus respectfully request that the Department of Justice confirm, in writing, by no later than 5 p.m. on **Monday, June 11**:

- (1) that the following parties have **not** been given access to the classified information, which executive branch agencies briefed to the "Gang of 8" on May 24, 2018:
 - Rudy Giuliani, Jay Sekulow, or any other attorney who represents or has represented President Trump in his personal capacity;
 - White House staff, including attorneys from the White House Counsel's office;
 - President Donald J. Trump;
- (2) that DOJ and FBI have no plans to convey such information in the future to the President and his attorneys outside of an appropriate judicial proceeding; and
- (3) that going forward, DOJ and FBI will not brief additional Members of Congress who are not part of the "Gang of 8" on these matters.

Thank you for your immediate attention to our concerns, which are of the utmost urgency. We look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,



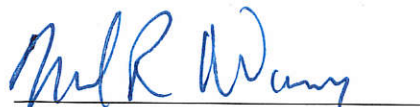
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