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## VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

> John Bentel Re:

Dear Chairman Grassley:

I am writing in response to your June 3, 2016 letter which was addressed to our client, John Bentel, and sent care of me as his legal counsel.

Mr. Bentel has been made aware of this latest offer for him to tell the Committee directly what he can and cannot recall about these matters. Mr. Bentel respectfully declines this invitation, as he has with the prior invitations, because as your letter notes he has already been interviewed at great length by Congress on these subjects. We and Mr. Bentel also again respectfully decline to answer your questions regarding our professional relationship with our client.

I did want to address one other point from your letter: the suggestion that Mr. Bentel lives outside the Washington, D.C. area. Mr. Bentel was traveling outside the Washington, D.C. area for a period of months when your staff requested that he submit to another voluntary interview, but has since returned and has not changed his D.C. residence.

Very truly yours,

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