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VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
U.S. Senator

Dear Senator Leahy:

As I explained to you privately before you released your January 30, 2017 letter to the press, I too am deeply concerned about politicization of the FBI. It is a serious matter when half the country is worried that the FBI has its thumb on the scales of justice for one political party, and the other half believes it has its thumb on the scales for the other party. That's why I was worried last year about news that the number two official at the FBI met with a longtime Clinton friend and fundraiser about the political campaign of that official's wife, who later accepted large contributions for her campaign. Many were also shocked that senior FBI officials were texting each other about their political biases against candidate Trump through much of 2016, and also when it was revealed that another high-ranking DOJ official served as a go-between for the author of the anti-Trump dossier and the FBI while his wife worked for Fusion GPS.

Both Democrats and Republicans asked the non-partisan, independent Inspector General appointed by President Obama to look into a whole range of issues involving the FBI's involvement in controversial cases related to the 2016 presidential campaign. We are all eager to see the results of that review, and you can be certain that this Committee will hold hearings on that report's findings once they become available. As many on both sides of the aisle have said in the wake of the removal of the former Deputy Director, we need to see what the evidence shows before making any final judgments. I hope you will support me in seeking documents from the Department that describe the recommendation of the career, non-partisan personnel in the FBI's Office of Professional Responsibility that the former Deputy Director be terminated.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member