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The Honorable Richard A. Hertling  
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U.S. Department of Justice  
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Dear Mr. Hertling:

Based on our initial round of interviews and a further review of the various sets of documents that you have now produced to us, we have identified an additional list of Department of Justice officials whom we would like to interview on a voluntary basis regarding circumstances surrounding recent terminations of U.S. Attorneys, representations regarding those circumstances to Congress, and related matters, consistent with the understanding that you acknowledged in your March 29<sup>th</sup> letter. In our continuing effort to determine the truth behind these firings, we believe that these future interviews will also provide information which we may not already have but that is critical to our investigation nonetheless. Thus, we would like to interview the following officials:

- Matthew Friedrich, Chief of Staff and Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division
- John Kelly, Deputy Director, Executive Office for United States Attorneys
- John Nowacki, Principal Deputy Director, Executive Office for United States Attorneys
- Tasia Scolinos, Director of Public Affairs for the Department of Justice
- Steven Biskupic, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin
- Rachel Paulose, United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota
- Mary Beth Buchanan, United States Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania
- Larry Gomez, Acting United States Attorney for the District of New Mexico

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We appreciate your continuing cooperation in facilitating the interviews. Please contact my staff at the House Judiciary Committee office, 2138 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 (tel: 202-225-3951; fax: 202-225-7680), in order to make specific interview arrangements.

Sincerely,

  
John Conyers, Jr.  
Chairman

cc: Hon. Lamar S. Smith  
Hon. Linda T. Sánchez  
Hon. Chris Cannon