Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

May 15, 2018

The Honorable Donald J. Trump President of the United States 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We write to request that you exercise your authority as President of the United States to instruct Attorney General Jeff Sessions to immediately produce all documents requested by Congress relating to our investigation of certain prosecutorial and investigative decisions made by the Department of Justice and FBI in 2016 and 2017.

In May 2017, Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein informed Congress that the Special Counsel's investigation should not impede ongoing Congressional investigations. Additionally, Mr. Rosenstein requested that Congressional efforts coordinate with the Department of Justice.

In the year that has passed since these commitments were made, the Department of Justice has failed to fully comply with regular and repeated Congressional requests and subpoenas. Our power as Congress to conduct investigations is broad, inherent and mandated by the Constitution.³ As a separate and equal branch of government, we have a constitutional right to these documents.

To complete our independent oversight and investigative duties, we must obtain all documents responsive to previous requests by Congress. This includes the documents related to potential abuses of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act; documents related to the FBI and broader Department of Justice's initial investigation into the Trump campaign prior to the appointment of the Special Counsel; and the unredacted August 2017 memo written by Deputy Attorney General Rosenstein that articulated the scope of the Special Counsel's jurisdiction.

The Department of Justice has obstructed Congressional oversight by refusing to supply necessary and relevant documents. As members of the legislative branch, we believe the best course of action would be for you to exercise the powers vested in the Executive to make the documents we require available to Congress.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Mark Meadows

Member of Congress

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Ron DeSantis Member of Congress

¹ Briefing by Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein regarding former FBI Director Comey's removal, May 19, 2017. See also, letter from Jason Chaffetz to Andrew McCabe, May 25, 2017, available at https://oversight.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/2017-05-25-JEC-to-McCabe-FBI-Comey-Memoranda.pdf.

³ See e.g., Watkins v. United States, 354 U.S. 178, 187 (1956).