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VIA HAND DELIVERY AND ELECTRONIC MAIL

Hon. Chuck Grassley
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. Senate

Hon. Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. Senate

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

My firm represents Deborah Ramirez, as does the law firm of Hutchinson Black and Cook, LLC. As you likely know, a reporter recently reached out to Ms. Ramirez to ask her about an incident involving Brett Kavanaugh, President Trump's nominee for the United States Supreme Court. Ms. Ramirez answered the reporter's questions, and he, after interviewing a number of additional witnesses, wrote a story: <https://www.newyorker.com/news/news-desk/senate-democrats-investigate-a-new-allegation-of-sexual-misconduct-from-the-supreme-court-nominee-brett-kavanaughs-college-years-deborah-ramirez>

That story recounts that the reporter first learned of the relevant incident *from individuals other than Ms. Ramirez*. The reporter then approached Ms. Ramirez, who confirmed and further described the incident. The reporter proceeded independently to verify the story with other individuals, including one who remembered contemporaneously learning of the incident (including that it involved Mr. Kavanaugh and Ms. Ramirez), and another who remembered contemporaneously overhearing a student tearfully recounting what could only have been the same incident.

Ms. Ramirez has asked that the FBI investigate further. She has done so both by direct request (through counsel) to the FBI, and by asking this Committee (again, through counsel) to involve the FBI. Thus far, however, the Committee has refused. This is illogical: An FBI investigation would allow a credible, efficient, and professional development of the facts—free from partisanship. This not only would best protect Ms. Ramirez from being dragged into a political fray, but also would best allow the Committee to learn those facts, and thereby proceed

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in an informed manner. Ms. Ramirez asks again: If the Committee cares about the facts with respect to the incident she has described, it should ask the FBI to investigate.

Ms. Ramirez is willing to cooperate with the Committee. To that end, she—through counsel—repeatedly has asked the Committee to speak with her about a process by which she fairly can be heard by Committee members. But the majority staff thus far has refused even to speak with Ms. Ramirez’s counsel; instead, that staff has insisted that Ms. Ramirez first “provide her evidence.” Respectfully, that demand misunderstands the process. Ms. Ramirez has not conducted an investigation to gather materials that she now somehow can present, gift-wrapped, to the Committee. She is not a litigant, and she is not a partisan. Rather, she simply has told her story, truthfully and as best she could, to a reporter who asked. Indeed, the majority’s confusion on this issue underscores the need for an FBI investigation—that is the organization that credibly could develop the additional “evidence” the majority references. What Ms. Ramirez can do—and all that Ms. Ramirez can do—is simply tell what happened to her.

Ms. Ramirez has no agenda. She did not volunteer for this. But nor has she, or will she, shy away from truthfully recounting the facts. She asks only to be treated fairly. The Committee should begin by allowing the FBI to investigate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Will Pittard", written in a cursive style.

William Pittard

Cc: Members of the Committee on the Judiciary (*via hand delivery only*)
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