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VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

The Honorable Pamela Bondi
Attorney General
Department of Justice

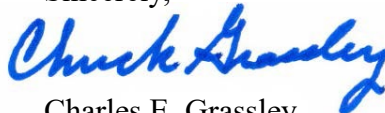
The Honorable Kash Patel
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Dear Attorney General Bondi and Director Patel:

On March 20, 2025, I wrote you about whistleblower retaliation cases where the Biden Justice Department and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) took adverse personnel actions against some of its employees in retaliation for making legally protected whistleblower disclosures or because their political beliefs didn't align with the Biden administration.¹ I've actively worked to resolve these cases and ensure that the political weaponization, which has caused significant damage to your agencies and its employees, is corrected. My investigative staff have worked in good faith with yours, and I want to thank you and your staff for working diligently to solve these specific matters. Accordingly, the agreements with the 10 FBI whistleblowers to make them whole by providing them with a combination of backpay, reinstatement of their security clearances, and other appropriate corrective actions is an example of government power and authority being used for good. Attorney General Bondi, Deputy Attorney General Blanche, Director Patel, and Deputy Director Bongino, as well as your relevant staff, *you've done right by these whistleblowers*.

Now, there's still more work to be done. There are other Justice Department and FBI whistleblowers similarly situated whose careers, reputations, and livelihoods have been destroyed by the Biden administration in retaliation for reporting waste, fraud, and abuse. These whistleblowers are still waiting for these wrongs to be corrected. Further, those who engaged in retaliation against whistleblowers must be held accountable for their misconduct. I look forward to continuing our joint work to protect and support whistleblowers and to root out the political infection that entrenched itself in the Justice Department and FBI during the Biden administration.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary

¹ Letter from Charles E. Grassley, Chairman, Comm. on the Judiciary, to Pamela Bondi, Attorney General, Department of Justice and Kash Patel, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation (Mar. 20, 2025) https://www.grassley.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/grassley_to_doj_fbi_-_security_clearance_reinstatement1.pdf.