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VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

The Honorable Pam Bondi
Attorney General
Department of Justice

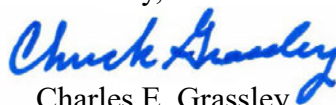
The Honorable Kash Patel
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Dear Attorney General Bondi and Director Patel:

Over a period of years, my office has received allegations that I've actively worked to resolve relating to the Biden Justice Department and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) taking adverse personnel action against several of its employees in retaliation for making legally protected whistleblower disclosures or because their political beliefs didn't align with the Biden administration. My office has been told that, in many of these cases, the suspension of their security clearances resulted in immediate, indefinite suspensions without pay while the FBI improperly and intentionally delayed the process for these individuals to contest the adverse action. This tyrannical government conduct caused significant financial hardship. The retaliatory government action also placed them in the impossible situation to either resign their position without completing their legal challenge or continue challenging the suspension or revocation of their clearance while suspended without pay with no prospect of obtaining new employment.

The Biden administration's political weaponization of the Justice Department and FBI has caused significant damage to these institutions and its employees, but you're in the position to right the ship. Accordingly, I request that you personally review the adverse personnel matters for these individuals, which I will send under separate cover, and take all appropriate corrective actions, including restoring their security clearances and employment and firing or otherwise disciplining those who retaliated against them, if warranted. Please provide my office with an update on this review no later than March 27, 2025. Thank you for your attention to this request and prompt review of this matter.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary