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September 23, 2022

Mr. Timothy Thibault
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Dear Mr. Thibault:

We have been investigating serious allegations of abuse and misconduct within the senior leadership of the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Brave whistleblowers have informed us that as an Assistant Special Agent in Charge at the Washington Field Office, you pressured line agents to reclassify cases as “domestic violent extremism” even though there was minimal, circumstantial evidence to support a reclassification.¹ Other whistleblowers have come to Congress alleging that you were part of a scheme to undermine and discredit allegations of criminal wrongdoing by members of the Biden family.² Accordingly, we believe that you possess information relating to our investigation and we request your assistance with our inquiry.

The Committee on the Judiciary has legislative and oversight jurisdiction over the Department of Justice and the FBI pursuant to Rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives. We are investigating several allegations concerning the politicization of the Department and the FBI. Your testimony is necessary to advance our oversight. We ask that you please contact Committee staff to schedule a transcribed interview as soon as possible, but no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 7, 2022. Your attorney may contact Committee staff at (202) 225-6906 to schedule a transcribed interview without undue delay.

Furthermore, this letter serves as a formal request to preserve all existing and future records and materials in your possession relating to the topics addressed in this letter. You should construe this preservation notice as an instruction to take all reasonable steps to prevent the destruction or alteration, whether intentionally or negligently, of all documents, communications, and other information, including electronic information and metadata, that are or may be

¹ Letter from Rep. Jim Jordan, Ranking Member, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, to Hon. Christopher Wray, Dir., Fed. Bureau of Investigation (Jul. 27, 2022); Ashley Oliver, *Exclusive – Whistleblower: Same FBI boss who shut down Hunter Biden dirt also pressured agents to juice domestic violent extremism stats*, BREITBART (Jul. 27, 2022).

² Letter from Sen. Chuck Grassley, Ranking Member, S. Comm. on the Judiciary, to Hon. Merrick Garland, Atty Gen., U.S. Dep’t of Justice & Hon. Christopher Wray, Dir., Fed. Bureau of Investigation (Jul. 25, 2022) (“ASAC Thibault allegedly ordered the [Hunter Biden inquiry] closed without providing a valid reason as required by FBI guidelines. . . . [I]t’s alleged that FBI official, including ASAC Thibault, subsequently attempted to improperly mark the matter in FBI systems so that it could not be opened in the future.”).

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responsive to this congressional inquiry. This instruction includes all electronic messages sent using your official and personal accounts or devices, including records created using text messages, phone-based message applications, or encryption software.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Jim Jordan
Ranking Member



Darrell Issa
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual
Property and the Internet



Mike Johnson
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on the Constitution,
Civil Rights and Civil Liberties

cc: The Honorable Jerrold L. Nadler, Chairman