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The Honorable Paul D. Ryan
Speaker of the House of Representatives
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Dear Mr. Speaker:

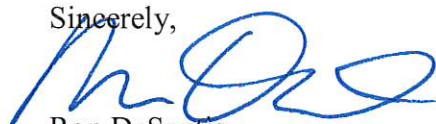
The American people have the right to know whether government agents such as Peter Strzok inappropriately intervened in the 2016 presidential election against then-presidential candidate Donald J. Trump. On January 3, 2018, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence Chairman Devin Nunes announced that his committee will receive all documents it sought from the Department of Justice related to the FBI's counterintelligence investigation. I, therefore, request that you direct Chairman Nunes to utilize the process described in Rule X of the House Rules to declassify documents in the committee's possession related to the Steele dossier.

The more we learn about the production of the discredited Steele dossier, the more it appears that a select group of FBI and Justice Department officials utilized what was effectively Hillary Clinton's political opposition research document. The dossier is a 35-page research document compiled by former British spy Christopher Steele that makes unverified claims that President Trump's deep financial ties to Russia and personal conduct within Russia could be used to blackmail the president. But, we now know that Hillary Clinton's campaign and the Democratic National Committee helped fund the dossier. We now know that text messages between two FBI employees, Peter Strzok and Lisa Page, referred to an "insurance policy" that might have been devised to prevent President Trump from prevailing in the 2016 election. And we now know that the FBI reimbursed the author of the dossier for some of his expenses.

The people have the right to know if the FBI used its considerable resources to interfere. Though the Department of Justice and the FBI agreed to cooperate with the House Intelligence Committee, high ranking officials from both agencies, including Christopher Wray and Rod Rosenstein, refused to answer direct questions posed by House Judiciary Committee Members in a public forum regarding information related to the federal government may have played in the production of the dossier. We cannot allow the executive branch to prevent congressional oversight of any potential misconduct or hide the truth from the American people.

To maintain the integrity of our democratic process, the documents related to the Steele dossier must be declassified. I respectfully request that you direct Chairman Nunes to declassify those documents in his committee's possession immediately.

Sincerely,



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