

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

October 28, 2015

The Honorable Loretta E. Lynch
Attorney General
United States Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Attorney General Lynch,

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is currently conducting an investigation into former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton's use of a private, unsecured, e-mail server to conduct official government business and whether Clinton's use of this sever violated laws pertaining to federal records and the transmission of classified information. That Secretary Clinton reportedly used this server to both send and receive information classified at the Top Secret level, and that members of the military and intelligence communities have been – and continue to be – prosecuted for infractions arguably much less egregious, make it of the utmost importance that the FBI's findings are considered by the Department of Justice in a politically impartial manner.

Unfortunately, during a CBS interview on October 11, 2015, President Barack Obama commented on the ongoing investigation into Secretary Clinton's server, declaring that: "I don't think it posed a national security problem." Given that the FBI has not finished its investigation regarding the use of Secretary Clinton's server, the President prejudged the outcome of the investigation. Needless to say, this is not the way that a politically impartial investigation should be conducted.

Under Department of Justice regulations, you have the grounds to appoint a Special Counsel when it is determined that criminal investigation of a person is warranted and that the investigation of that person "by a United States Attorney's Office or litigating Division of the Department of Justice would present a conflict of interest for the Department or other extraordinary circumstances."

At this point, a Special Counsel must be appointed in order to preserve the integrity of this investigation and any subsequent prosecution and ensure that there is no bias or undue influence from the White House. It is not within the purview of the President to conclude, much less without a full investigation, that classified information carelessly transmitted over an improperly secured connection did not pose a risk to our national security.

As Attorney General, you are trusted by the American people to pursue justice regardless of political considerations. Under the extraordinary circumstances established by the President's recent remarks, we ask that you appoint a Special Counsel to oversee this critical investigation.

Sincerely,









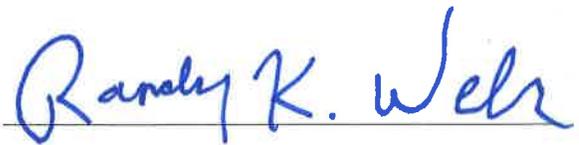
















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