## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY, UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, 2138 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515,

Plaintiff,

Case No. 1:19-cv-2379

v.

DONALD F. MCGAHN II, 51 Louisiana Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20001,

Defendant.

## **Exhibit J**

## Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

March 22, 2019

The Honorable William P. Barr Attorney General U.S. Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Attorney General Barr:

We understand that Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller III has now concluded his investigation of the Russian government's efforts to interfere in the 2016 election and of "any links and/or coordination between the Russian government and individuals associated with the campaign of President Donald Trump." We also understand that Special Counsel Mueller has issued a report to you pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 600.8(c).

We ask that you immediately take steps to preserve (1) Special Counsel Mueller's report; (2) all evidence underlying the report; and (3) all related work product and investigatory materials compiled by the Special Counsel's Office. This request applies to all documents, records, memoranda, correspondence, or other communications, or any portion thereof relevant to the work of the Special Counsel's Office. We remind you that concealing, removing, or destroying such records may constitute a crime.<sup>2</sup>

Committees of the United States Congress are conducting investigations parallel to those of the Special Counsel's Office, and preservation of these records is critical to ensure that we are able to do our work without interference or delay. We therefore ask that you immediately confirm that the Department of Justice is preserving these records and that you provide us with all orders, notices, and guidance regarding preservation of information related to these matters and investigations.

<sup>2</sup> 18 U.S.C. § 2071.

Appointment of Special Counsel to Investigate Russian Interference with the 2016 Presidential Election and Related Matters, Order No. 3915-2017, Office of the Deputy Attorney General, May 17, 2017.

We look forward to your prompt attention and response to our request.

Sincerely,

Jerrold Nadler

Chairman

House Committee on the Judiciary

Dianne Feinstein

Ranking Member

Senate Committee on the Judiciary

Chairman

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

Mark Warner Ranking Member

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Senate Select Committee on Intelligence

Elijah E. Cummings

Chairman

House Committee on Oversight and Reform

Maxine Waters

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House Committee on Financial Services

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House Committee on Foreign Affairs

Ranking Member

Senate Committee on Foreign Relations

Ron Wyden

Ranking Member

Senate Committee on Finance



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Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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