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October 28, 2016

The Honorable James B. Comey
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Dear Director Comey:

On October 28, 2016, I received your letter supplementing your testimony to the Committee about the FBI's investigation of former Secretary Clinton's use of a private email server. In your letter, you stated that "the FBI has learned of the existence of emails that appear to be pertinent to the investigation."¹ Now that the FBI has become aware of these new emails, you noted that the FBI will take "appropriate investigative steps designed to allow investigators to review these emails to determine whether they contain classified information, as well as to assess their importance to [the FBI's] investigation."²

You had previously stated in your testimony to Congress that "I wanted to be as transparent as possible."³ In line with your commitment to be transparent with Congress and the public, I respectfully request that the FBI provide as much information as possible about these new developments without harming the integrity of its ongoing investigation. In particular, there are important questions about the nature and source of these new emails, when and how the FBI learned of them, what investigative steps the FBI is taking to obtain these emails, and the role of the Justice Department in the process. Most importantly, if the FBI determines that any additional classified information has been put at risk of exposure to our enemies, it is vital that the intelligence community take all appropriate steps to mitigate the potential damage to our national security.

¹ Letter from The Honorable James Comey, Director, Fed. Bureau of Investigation, to Sen. Ron Johnson, S. Comm. on Homeland Security & Gov't Affairs, et al. (Oct. 28, 2016).

² *Id.*

³ *Oversight of the State Department Before the H. Comm. on Oversight & Gov't Reform*, 114th Cong. (2016) (testimony of The Honorable James Comey, Director, Fed. Bureau of Investigation).

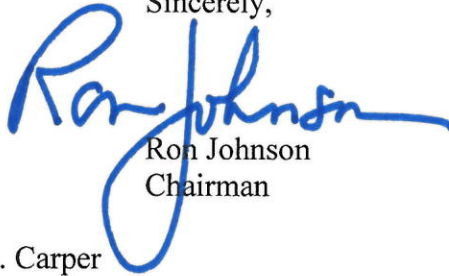
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My staff has informally requested more information from the FBI, which declined the request. Accordingly, in the interest of transparency, I ask that you make your staff available to brief my staff on these and other related questions as soon as possible, but no later than November 4, 2016. Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ron Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

Ron Johnson
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Thomas R. Carper
Ranking Member