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The Honorable Alberto Gonzales  
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Dear Attorney General Gonzales:

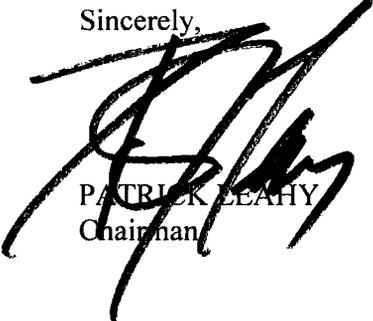
As part of the Committee's investigation into the replacement of U.S. Attorneys, we are writing to ask you to promptly supplement your testimony of April 19 with answers to those questions for which you responded that you could not recall or did not know. We ask that you submit this supplemental information ~~by April 27, 2007~~ *within a week*.

You spent weeks preparing for the April 19<sup>th</sup> hearing. Yet during your testimony, in response to questions from Senators on both sides of the aisle, you often responded that you could not recall. By some counts you failed to answer more than 100 questions, by other counts more than 70, but the most conservative count had you failing to provide answers well over 60 times. As a result, the Committee's efforts to learn the truth of why and how these dismissals took place, and the role you and other Department and White House officials had in them, has been hampered.

The questions asked by Senators should not have been a surprise. You were alerted in letters to you well in advance of last Thursday's hearing. By letter sent April 4, you were asked to include in your written testimony a "full and complete account of the development of the plan to replace United States Attorneys, and all the specifics of your role in connection with that matter." That account was not included in your written testimony nor in your answers to questions at the hearing. You were also alerted in advance of the hearing, by a letter sent on April 13, that you would be asked about information derived from the staff interviews of your senior aides. You were, nevertheless, unprepared to answer those questions.

We believe the Committee and our investigation would benefit from you searching and refreshing your recollection and your supplementing your testimony by next Friday to provide the answers to the questions you could not recall last Thursday.

Sincerely,

  
PATRICK J. LEAHY  
Chairman

  
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Ranking Member