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June 13, 2007

Ms. Sara M. Taylor
Former Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of Political Affairs
c/o W. Neil Eggleston
Debevoise & Plimpton LLP
555 13th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Ms. Taylor:

I received no response from you to my April 11 letter seeking your voluntary cooperation with the Senate Judiciary Committee's ongoing investigation of the firings and replacements of a number of United States Attorneys. Similar letters to the White House Counsel from the Committee have also failed to elicit cooperation.

It is now clear from the evidence gathered by the investigating Committees of the Senate and House that, at the time you were White House Director of Political Affairs, you and other White House officials played a significant role in originating, developing, coordinating and implementing the plan and the Justice Department's response to congressional inquiries about it.

In particular, according to documents and testimony we have heard so far, you were involved in the discussions and planning that led to the removal of Bud Cummins and bypassing the Senate confirmation process to install Tim Griffin, another former aide to Mr. Karl Rove, as U.S. Attorney in the Eastern District of Arkansas. You were also part of a group that discussed using the Attorney General's expanded authority under the Patriot Act reauthorization to avoid the opposition of the Arkansas Senators by appointing Mr. Griffin as interim indefinitely. In addition, documents and testimony show that you played a role in approving the plan for firing multiple U.S. Attorneys on December 7, 2006, and were involved in subsequent discussions regarding congressional testimony of Department officials and the Administration's response to the growing scandal surrounding the firings.

Yet, to date the White House has not produced a single document or allowed you or any other White House official involved to be interviewed, apart from an unacceptable "take it or leave" offer to do so off-the-record without a transcript or opportunity to follow-up. As a result, I am issuing the enclosed subpoenas compelling your production of documents in your possession, custody, or control related to the Committee's investigation by June 28, 2007 and your appearance to testify under oath before the Committee on July 11, 2007.

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I look forward to your compliance with the June 28 return date for the Judiciary Committee's subpoena for documents and to your appearance before the Committee on July 11 so we can take a step toward learning the truth about these firings and the erosion of independence at the Justice Department.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Patrick Leahy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "P".

PATRICK LEAHY
Chairman

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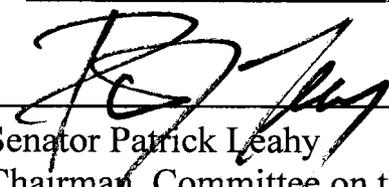
To Sara M. Taylor, Former Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of Political Affairs, **Greeting:**

Pursuant to lawful authority, YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate of the United States, on June 28, 2007, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., at their committee room 226 Dirksen Senate Office Building, then and there to testify what you know relative to the Committee's inquiry into the preservation of prosecutorial independence and the Department of Justice's politicization of the hiring and firing of United States Attorneys, and to bring with you the documents described in Attachment A under the terms and conditions stated therein. A personal appearance at the above-referenced date and time will not be necessary if the documents described in Attachment A are delivered to the Committee's offices prior to the scheduled return.

Hereof fail not, as you will answer your default under the pains and penalties in such cases made and provided.

To any Committee staff member or U.S. Senate Sergeant at Arms to serve and return.

Given under my hand, by authority vested in me by the Committee, on this 13th day of June, 2007.



Senator Patrick Leahy
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate

Attachment A

Documents Subpoenaed

1. Complete and unredacted versions, including complete paper and electronic versions, of any and all documents in your possession, custody or control related to the Committee's investigation into the preservation of prosecutorial independence and the Department of Justice's politicization of the hiring and firing of United States Attorneys, including possible misrepresentations to Congress and other violations of federal law. The documents produced shall include, but not be limited to:
 - A. Any and all documents related to the: 1) evaluation of or decision to dismiss former U.S. Attorneys David Iglesias, H.E. "Bud" Cummins, John McKay, Carol Lam, Daniel Bogden, Paul Charlton, Kevin Ryan, Margaret Chiara, Todd Graves, or any other U.S. Attorney(s) dismissed since President Bush's re-election (hereinafter "dismissed U.S. Attorneys"); 2) evaluation of any U.S. Attorney(s) considered for dismissal since President Bush's re-election (hereinafter "U.S. Attorneys considered for dismissal"); 3) the implementation of the dismissal and replacement of the dismissed U.S. Attorneys; and 4) the selection, discussion and evaluation of any possible replacement or interim or acting appointment to fill any vacancy with respect to dismissed U.S. Attorneys and U.S. Attorneys considered for dismissal.
 - B. Any and all documents related to the testimony of any official at the Department of Justice to the United States Congress regarding any of the matters set forth in paragraph A, above.

Instructions

1. In complying with this subpoena, you are required to produce all responsive documents that are in your possession, custody, or control, whether held by you or your past or present agent, employee, or representative acting on your behalf. You are also required to produce documents that you have a legal right to obtain, that you have a right to copy, or to which you have access, as well as documents that you have placed in the temporary possession, custody, or control of any third party.
2. No documents as defined herein called for by this request shall be destroyed, modified, removed, transferred, or otherwise made inaccessible to the Committee. If you have knowledge that any subpoenaed document as defined herein has been destroyed, discarded, or lost, identify the subpoenaed document and provide an explanation of the destruction, discarding, loss or disposal and the date at which then document was destroyed, discarded or lost.

3. This subpoena is continuing in nature. Any document not produced because it has not been located or discovered by the return date shall be provided immediately upon location or discovery subsequent thereto with an explanation of why it was not located or discovered by the return date.
4. If you believe any responsive documents are protected by a privilege, please provide a privilege log which (1) identifies any and all responsive documents to which the privilege is asserted, (2) sets forth the date, type, addressee(s), author(s) (and, if different, the preparer and signatory), general subject matter, and indicated or known circulation of the document, and (3) states the privilege asserted in sufficient detail to ascertain the validity of the claim of privilege.
5. Production with respect to each document shall include all electronic versions and data files from email applications as well as from word processing, spreadsheet, or other electronic data repositories applicable to any attachments, and shall be provided to the Committee where possible in its native file format and shall include all original metadata for each electronic documents or data file. Productions shall be provided on CD, DVD, or USB external hard drive.
6. Any draft, preliminary version, modification, revision, or amendment of a document, and any version that otherwise differs in any respect, such as having marginalia, markings, other notations or attachments, or otherwise, shall be considered a separate document and shall also be furnished as responsive.
7. Documents shall be produced as they are kept in the usual course of your business, including with any file labels, dividers, or other identifying markers with which they were associated when this subpoena was served. Also identify to which paragraph from the subpoena such documents are responsive.
8. All documents shall be bates-stamped sequentially and produced sequentially, with an indication as to which paragraph of the schedule it is responsive.

Definitions

1. The term “document” as used in this subpoena includes all emails, memoranda, reports, agreements, notes, correspondence, files, records, and other documents, data, information or memorialization in any form, whether physical or electronic, maintained on any digital repository or electronic media, and should be construed as it is used in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.
2. The terms “related” and “relating” with respect to any given subject, shall be construed broadly to mean anything that constitutes, contains, embodies, reflects, identifies, concerns, refers to, deals with or is in any manner whatsoever pertinent to the subject.

3. The terms “including” and “includes,” with respect to any given subject, shall be construed broadly so that specification of any particular matter shall not be construed to exclude any documents that you have reason to believe the Committee might regard as responsive.
4. The terms “Department of Justice” and “Department” includes without limitation, anyone presently or formerly employed there, suspended from employment there, or on administrative leave from employment there.
5. The term “White House” includes, without limitation, anyone presently or formerly employed there, suspended from employment there, or on administrative leave from employment there.

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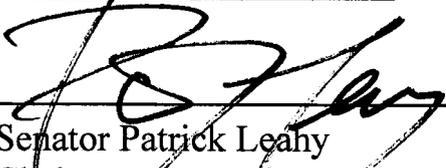
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Given under my hand, by authority vested in me by the Committee, on this 13th day of June, 2007.



Senator Patrick Leahy
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate

PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Jeremy A. Paris, Counsel to Senator Patrick Leahy, Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, on June 13, 2007, made service of the attached subpoenas for Sara M. Taylor, Former Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of Political Affairs, by email to W. Neil Eggleston, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, 555 13th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004, who agreed to accept service on behalf of Ms. Taylor.



Jeremy A. Paris
Counsel to Chairman Patrick Leahy
Senate Judiciary Committee

6/13/07

Date