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Dear Attorney General Bondi, Director Gabbard, Mr. Warrington, and Mr. Waltz:

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and the Task Force on the Declassification of Federal Secrets are conducting oversight of the declassification of certain records in the public interest. After the Biden Administration and its allies weaponized the intelligence community and law enforcement against its political opponents, it is vital that we restore trust in these institutions. We write to assist President Donald J. Trump's efforts to provide truth and transparency to the American people.

On January 23, 2025, President Trump signed Executive Order (EO) 14176, "Declassification of Records Concerning the Assassinations of President John F. Kennedy, Senator Robert F. Kennedy, and the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr."¹ Through this EO, President Trump took the first step to shed light on events that have long been clouded by opacity and shrouded from the public under the guise of classification. Declassification and public release will provide Americans necessary clarity into their own history. We applaud this endeavor, and the work of lifting the veil on America's secrets must continue.

To that end, we request a briefing on February 26, 2025, regarding the declassification of records pertaining to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and on March 17, 2025, regarding the declassification of records pertaining to the assassinations of Senator Robert F. Kennedy and Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In addition to the briefings, please provide, in writing, when the documents President Trump ordered declassified will be made available to both the Task Force and the public and where they are to be publicly located.

¹ Exec. Order No. 14176, 90 Fed. Reg. 8641 (Jan. 31, 2025).

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The Committee and the Task Force look forward to engaging you in furthering this important and historic work. If you have any questions about this request, please contact Committee staff at (202) 225-5074.

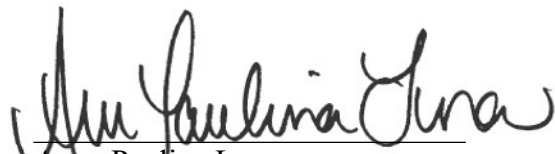
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Thank you for your attention to this important request.

Sincerely,



James Comer
Chairman
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cc: The Honorable Gerald E. Connolly, Ranking Member
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