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Dear Ms. Chatterjee:

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is investigating politicized jury nullification initiatives undertaken in the District of Columbia. Free DC, in coordination with Harriet's Wildest Dreams, has held jury nullification training sessions to instruct potential jurors in how to navigate juror vetting and subvert lawful prosecutions in the District of Columbia.¹ Leaders at these public sessions brazenly declared radical intentions. At an August 12 training, Qiana Johnson, who serves on the Board of Harriet's Wildest Dreams and is a "conductor of legal defense" for the organization,² told attendees, "[y]ou have this superpower, and that superpower is you are able to nullify that goddamn jury."³ This strategy appears aimed to nullify one of the core rights enshrined in the United States Constitution for criminal cases: "the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, *by an impartial jury* of the State or district wherein the crime shall have been committed."⁴ In conducting these trainings, your organization is blatantly facilitating the violation of the constitutional right to an impartial jury and undermining the rule of law in the District. Accordingly, to further its oversight, the Committee requests that Free DC produce documents and communications related to Free DC's jury nullification training.

Free DC and Harriet's Wildest Dreams are conducting jury nullification training, with the intent of having activists serve on juries in criminal cases to acquit defendants and subvert prosecutions.⁵ Free DC and Harriet's Wildest Dream reportedly hosted a training session on July 15, 2026, where the organizations discussed how to "influence outcomes to help create a more equitable legal process."⁶ The advertisement for this session stated that those serving on a jury

¹ Hudson Crozier & Kaelan Deese, *Inside the leftist network working to sabotage Trump's DC prosecutions*, WASHINGTON EXAMINER (Aug. 24, 2026) [hereinafter "Hudson Crozier"].

² *Founders*, HARRIET'S WILDEST DREAMS (last visited Aug. 28, 2026), available at <https://www.harrietsdreams.org/founders>.

³ Hudson Crozier, *supra* n. 1.

⁴ U.S. Constitution, 6th Amendment (emphasis added).

⁵ Hudson Crozier, *supra* n. 1.

⁶ *Id.*

can, “use that role to protect our people especially those with marginalized identities.”⁷ These training sessions instruct attendees on how to present themselves, falsely, as unbiased and avoid revealing ties to prison abolitionist groups during jury selection to intentionally hide their true intentions for serving on a jury.⁸ Free DC also publicly boasted that it used juror trainings for “power” to halt prosecutions.⁹ Free DC is fiscally sponsored by organizations financed by left-wing dark money groups that fund other radical entities conducting jury nullification workshops.¹⁰ Freedom Trainers, one of the organizations that Free DC partners with,¹¹ provided instructions at a workshop for trainees to “get on a jury to vote [their] conscience,” which included, “never mention jury nullification. Don’t signal the agenda.”¹²

At the August 12 jury nullification training that Free DC co-hosted, Qiana Johnson, of Harriet’s Wildest Dreams, reportedly stated that a juror for the prosecution of former Department of Justice employee Sean Dunn likely attended one of the jury nullification trainings.¹³ Mr. Dunn was charged with misdemeanor assault for throwing food at a law enforcement officer and was acquitted after a seven-hour jury deliberation.¹⁴ Ms. Johnson reportedly made clear at this training session that one of the goals is to undermine prosecutions brought by the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia and other federal prosecutors.¹⁵ In referring to these trainings, she stated, “[t]hat is what Jeanine Pirro is absolutely afraid of...that is what the lawyers in Luigi [Mangione’s] case is absolutely afraid of, because that power belongs to the people.”¹⁶ U.S. Attorney Pirro has said she suspects biased individuals have infiltrated juries to “upset the verdict.”¹⁷ It is clear that the position of Free DC and Harriet’s Wildest Dreams is that potential jurors should not make decisions impartially based on applying the law as instructed to the facts presented before them in the case, but based on their subjective, personal beliefs and activist agendas.

These shocking reports underscore the necessity of congressional oversight to protect against an assault targeting constitutional rights and processes. Jury nullification training courses undermine the rule of law, the safety of D.C.’s residents, and erode public trust in the justice system and our Constitution’s guarantee of an impartial jury. To assist the Committee’s oversight of this matter, we request the following information, covering the time period January 1, 2025, to the present unless otherwise indicated, as soon as possible but no later than October 27, 2026:

⁷ Juror Training Information, WASHINGTON EXAMINER (last visited Aug. 27, 2026), available at <https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/JurorTrainingAd.png>.

⁸ Hudson Crozier, *supra* n. 1.

⁹ Free DC (@freedcproject), INSTAGRAM, (Sept. 5, 2025), available at https://www.instagram.com/p/DOOWDCJjYR3/?img_index=1.

¹⁰ Thomas Catenacci, *Left-Wing Activist Group Teaches Liberals How To Get Through Jury Selection and Vote 'Not Guilty' on Trump DOJ Prosecutions, Recordings Show*, THE WASHINGTON FREE BEACON (Mar. 9, 2026) [hereinafter “Thomas Catenacci”]; and *About*, FREE DC (last visited Aug. 28, 2026), available at <https://freedcproject.org/about>.

¹¹ *About Us*, FREEDOM TRAINERS (last visited Aug. 28, 2026), available at <https://freedomtrainers.net/about/>.

¹² Thomas Catenacci, *supra* n. 9.

¹³ Hudson Crozier, *supra* n. 1.

¹⁴ *Id.*

¹⁵ *Id.*

¹⁶ *Id.*

¹⁷ *Id.*

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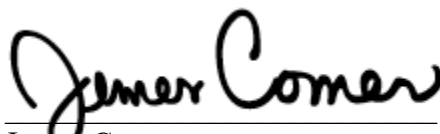
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1. All documents and communications regarding Juror Information Project Teach-In Series events hosted or co-hosted by Free DC, including but not limited to the internal planning, communications with partner organizations, advertisements, pamphlets, presentations, meeting transcripts or minutes, recordings, materials provided to attendees, and a list of attendees;
2. All documents and communications with any outside advisors who assisted in Juror Information Project Teach-In Series events; and
3. All documents and communications with Community Change and Community Change Action regarding Juror Information Project Teach-In Series events, including but not limited to any funding or grants received by Free DC which were used to finance these events.

To arrange for delivery of responsive documents or to ask any related follow-up questions, please contact the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Majority staff at (202) 225-5074.

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight committee of the U.S. House of Representatives and has broad authority to investigate “any matter” at “any time” under House Rule X. Further, the Committee also has jurisdiction under Rule X over the “[m]unicipal affairs of the District of Columbia in general.” Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Comer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "Comer" clearly distinguishable.

James Comer

Chairman

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

cc: The Honorable Robert Garcia, Ranking Member
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform