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The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
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Dear President Trump:

Your nominee to run the Office of Special Counsel (OSC) and current White House liaison to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Paul Ingrassia, is not just unqualified. He has also been credibly accused of sexual harassment and is an unabashed white supremacist and vicious racist. He is clearly unfit to be anywhere in our government, much less leading the Office of Special Counsel, the agency responsible for protecting federal whistleblowers and investigating discrimination.

We have known for months that Mr. Ingrassia lacks any relevant qualifications, having graduated from law school just three years ago. We also know he was the subject of a sexual harassment complaint in June and that he openly admires Nick Fuentes—a rabidly antisemitic right-wing leader, Holocaust denier, and white nationalist.¹ You chose to hire and promote Mr. Ingrassia despite all that—or perhaps even because of it.

Now we know from Mr. Ingrassia's leaked private conversations how thoroughly your nominee's toxic white supremacist ideology saturates his every thought. Yesterday, a group text was revealed showing Mr. Ingrassia railing that the federal holiday, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (MLK Day), "should be tossed into the seventh circle of hell where it belongs" and that black holidays should be "eviscerated" from "kwanza to mlk jr day to black history month to Juneteenth." In this chat, he instructed his friends that one should "never trust a chinaman or Indian." And he makes it perfectly clear that his admiration for Mr. Fuentes reflects his deeply

¹ Letter from The Hon. Robert Garcia, Ranking Member, H. Comm. on Oversight and Gov't Reform, and The Hon. Jamie Raskin, Ranking Member, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, to The Hon. Rand Paul, Chairman, S. Comm. on Homeland Sec. and Governmental Affairs, and The Hon. Gary Peters, Ranking Member, S. Comm. on Homeland Sec. and Governmental Affairs (June 26, 2025), <https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/democrats-oversight.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/2025-06-26-garcia-raskin-to-paul-and-peters-re-osc-nominee-ingrassia.pdf>; Daniel Lippman, *Key Trump Nominee Accused Of Sexual Harassment*, POLITICO (Oct. 20, 2025), www.politico.com/news/2025/10/09/ingrassia-trump-harassment-dhs-00596545.

held political beliefs, declaring, “I do have a Nazi streak in me from time to time, I will admit it.”²

Mr. Ingrassia proudly proclaimed himself a white supremacist. He wrote that education should focus on “elevating the high IQ section of your demographics, so you know, basically young men, straight White men.” He also declared that “[e]xceptional white men are not only the builders of Western civilization but are the ones most capable of appreciating the fruits of our heritage.”³

To be clear, those avowedly white supremacist statements were not among the text messages released yesterday. Mr. Ingrassia previously proclaimed those white supremacist beliefs *publicly on social media*—that is, *before* you nominated him to lead a vital office responsible for protecting federal employees and whistleblowers uncovering waste, fraud, and abuse.⁴ These are statements your vetting team no doubt made you aware of before you decided he was the best person to lead the Office of Special Counsel. And in case there are any doubts whether Mr. Ingrassia still subscribed to these racist beliefs, he doubled down in the comfort of his private chat and identified precisely who he thought should be running the country: “We need competent white men in positions of leadership. ... The founding fathers were wrong that all men are created equal ... We need to reject that part of our heritage.”⁵

It is difficult to wade through this vile river of bigotry and not marvel at the brazenness of your Administration bullying and intimidating private and public universities behind the smokescreen of rooting out antisemitism.⁶ For you, antisemitism is a useful pretext for trying to destroy academic freedom while you appoint blatant racists and Nazi-sympathizers to Senate-confirmed positions. It seems a remarkable coincidence, too, that Mr. Ingrassia’s toxic views about the supremacy of the white race seem to mirror your Administration’s changes to the refugee system, which favors Caucasian “refugees” from South Africa over people experiencing violence and oppression nearly everywhere else.⁷

You never should have nominated Paul Ingrassia in the first place. You should have heeded our advice months ago and withdrawn Mr. Ingrassia’s nomination rather than

² Daniel Lippman, *Trump Nominee Says MLK Jr. Holiday Belongs In ‘Hell’ And That He Has ‘Nazi Streak,’ According to Texts*, POLITICO (Oct. 20, 2025), www.politico.com/news/2025/10/20/paul-ingrassia-racist-text-messages-nazi-00613608.

³ Andrew Kaczynski, Em Steck & Dalia Abdelwahab, *Trump Pick To Run Federal Watchdog: A 30-Year-Old Who Once Shared A 9/11 Conspiracy Video and Has Ties To A Holocaust Denier*, CNN (July 2, 2025), <https://www.cnn.com/2025/07/02/politics/kfile-paul-ingrassia-office-of-special-counsel-nomination>.

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ Daniel Lippman, *Trump Nominee Says MLK Jr. Holiday Belongs In ‘Hell’ And That He Has ‘Nazi Streak,’ According to Texts*, POLITICO (Oct. 20, 2025), www.politico.com/news/2025/10/20/paul-ingrassia-racist-text-messages-nazi-00613608.

⁶ Sequoia Carrillo, Cory Turner & Emily Piper-Vallillo, *Trump Administration Illegally Froze Billions in Harvard Funds, Judge Rules*, NPR (Sept. 3, 2025), www.npr.org/2025/09/03/nx-s1-5527314/trump-harvard-court-ruling-funding-boston.

⁷ Zolan Kanno-Youngs & Hamed Aleaziz, *Trump Considers Overhaul of Refugee System That Would Favor White People*, N.Y. TIMES (Oct. 15, 2025), www.nytimes.com/2025/10/15/us/politics/trump-refugee-white-people.html.

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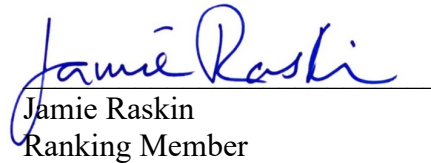
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making it painfully clear to America that white supremacy and its adherents hold a special place in the heart of your Administration.

But I write now to demand the obvious—what even your own Republican Senators are telling you—that you must withdraw this abysmal nomination and fire Mr. Ingrassia from the federal government, effective immediately. If you fail to withdraw his nomination and remove Mr. Ingrassia from your Administration, where he currently serves as White House liaison to DHS, it will only confirm that you have hired and promoted him, not in spite of his rancid views, but because of them.

I look forward to your prompt attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



Jamie Raskin
Ranking Member

cc: The Honorable Jim Jordan, Chairman