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Dear Mr. Davidson:

The House Committee on the Judiciary has received troubling information relating to your office's indictment of the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC). According to whistleblower information provided to this Committee, Associate Deputy Attorney General Aakash Singh ordered your office, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Alabama, to rush through the indictment of the SPLC, despite serious concerns about the strength of the case.¹

As you are well aware, it is a violation of Department of Justice (DOJ) regulations to commence a prosecution when an attorney for the government does not believe "that the admissible evidence will probably be sufficient to obtain and sustain a conviction."² It is also a violation of federal law to intimidate or injure individuals or organizations for exercising their constitutional rights, including their right to free speech.³ Given the systemic flaws in this indictment, we seek to understand whether your office, acting at the direction of Mr. Singh, has violated DOJ policy and the constitutional rights of the SPLC. We therefore request you provide the following records no later than May 14, 2026:

1. All records regarding your office's use of SPLC informants and information in criminal or civil matters from 1996 to 2026; and
2. All communications—including emails, phone calls, text messages, and messages sent via encrypted or third-party platforms—between and among your office, Aakash Singh, DOJ leadership, and third parties concerning the investigation and indictment of the SPLC from January 2025 to the present day.

¹ Whistleblower Information Provided to the House Committee on the Judiciary, Minority.

² U.S. Dep't of Justice, Justice Manual, *Principles of Federal Prosecution: Initiating and Declining Prosecution—Probable Cause Requirement* (9-27.200), www.justice.gov/jm/jm-9-27000-principles-federal-prosecution#9-27.200; U.S. Dep't of Justice, Justice Manual, *Principles of Federal Prosecution: Grounds for Commencing or Declining Prosecution* (9-27.220), www.justice.gov/jm/jm-9-27000-principles-federal-prosecution#9-27.220.

³ See 18 U.S.C. §241 and §242.

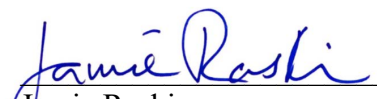
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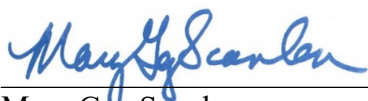
The Committee expects DOJ to preserve all documents and communications relating to the matters described in this letter. This preservation obligation includes but is not limited to: emails; text messages; messages sent via applications such as Signal, WhatsApp, or other encrypted platforms; handwritten notes; draft documents; calendar entries; and call logs. This obligation applies to communications on both official and personal devices and accounts, and to all current and former DOJ personnel and contractors. Please confirm in writing that you and DOJ have taken all necessary steps to comply with this preservation requirement.

We look forward to your prompt compliance with these critical oversight requests.

Very truly yours,



Jamie Raskin
Ranking Member



Mary Gay Scanlon
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on the Constitution
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cc: The Honorable Jim Jordan, Chairman

The Honorable Chip Roy, Chairman
Subcommittee on the Constitution and Limited Government