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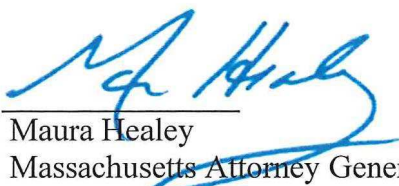
Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530


Dear Deputy Attorney General Rosenstein,

As the chief law enforcement officers of our respective states, we view the President's firing of FBI Director James Comey in the middle of his investigation of Russian interference in the presidential election as a violation of the public trust. As prosecutors committed to the rule of law, we urge you to consider the damage to our democratic system of any attempts by the administration to derail and delegitimize the investigation.

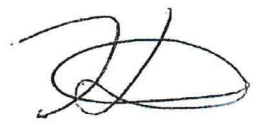
The residents of our states and the American people deserve a thorough investigation that makes clear the extent of Russian meddling, any collusion by Trump campaign officials, and any cover-up. Only the appointment of an independent special counsel, pursuant to 28 CFR § 600.1, with full powers and resources, can begin to restore public confidence. We urge you to appoint a special counsel immediately.

Sincerely,

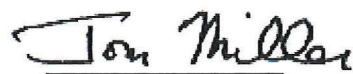
  
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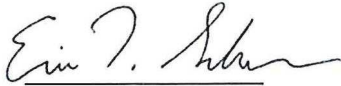
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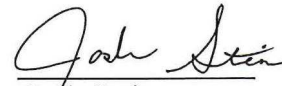
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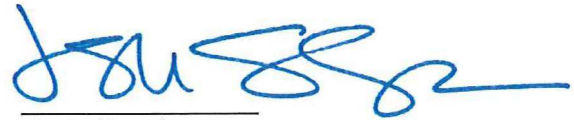
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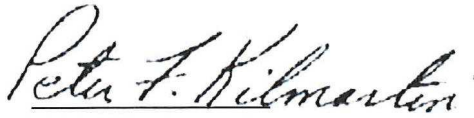
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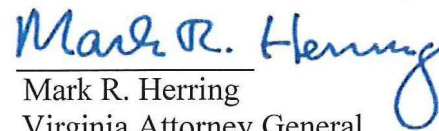
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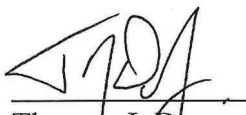
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The Honorable Mike Conaway, House Intelligence Committee  
The Honorable Adam Schiff, House Intelligence Committee