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JUNE 27, 2025

The Honorable Pam Bondi  
Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20530

The Honorable Kash Patel  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Attorney General Bondi and Director Patel,

As Attorney General of the United States and Director of FBI, respectively, you have the authority to investigate and prosecute violations of federal law concerning the improper disclosure of classified information.<sup>1</sup> Press has reported on a "preliminary classified U.S. report,"<sup>2</sup> produced by the Defense Intelligence Agency, the Pentagon's intelligence arm,<sup>3</sup> allegedly assessing damage following the American strikes on Iranian nuclear infrastructure. If reports are accurate, such a disclosure of classified information would be a major breach of national security that necessitates an immediate and robust investigation. If a perpetrator is found, a subsequent prosecution to the fullest extent of the law is warranted.

As the Chairman and Ranking Member of the relevant congressional committee tasked with overseeing the U.S. Intelligence Community, these allegations of improper disclosure of national security information strike at the heart of our solemn and apolitical mission to ensure classified data never falls into the hands of our adversaries. We are unified in our understanding that improper

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<sup>1</sup> 18 U.S.C. § 798 – Disclosure of classified information.

<sup>2</sup> Barnes, Cooper, Schmitt, Bergman, Haberman, and Swan, *Strike Set Back Iran's Nuclear Program by Only a Few Months, U.S. Report Says*, NEW YORK TIMES, June 24, 2025.

<sup>3</sup> Bertrand, Bo Lillis, and Cohen, Exclusive: *Early US intel assessment suggests strikes on Iran did not destroy nuclear sites, sources say*, CNN, June 24, 2025.

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disclosure of classified information has no place in our body politic, nor are such disclosures in our nation's interests.

We are aware of no evidence suggesting who was the source of this alleged leak, however we agree that Members of Congress and Congressional staff have a duty to protect classified information, just as those in the Executive Branch do. Accordingly, we intend to jointly review the Committee's internal controls to determine if there are ways they can be strengthened, and we commit to consulting with appropriate experts in the Executive Branch as we do so. Our expectation is that the Intelligence Community will continue to share classified reporting with the Committee in a complete and timely fashion, in keeping with the statutory requirement to keep the intelligence committees fully and currently informed.

We appreciate your careful review of this serious matter and urge you, if recent allegations are proven legitimate, to conduct an appropriate investigation to ensure accountability for those responsible for leaking classified information.

Sincerely,



Eric A. "Rick" Crawford  
Chairman



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Ranking Member

cc: The Honorable Tulsi Gabbard, Director of National Intelligence

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