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May 9, 2024

Ms. Colette Peters
Director
Federal Bureau of Prisons
320 First Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20534

Dear Director Peters:

The Committee on the Judiciary continues to conduct oversight of the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP). We write regarding several issues that are of pressing concern to the Committee, including allegations of disparate treatment of inmates in BOP custody for political reasons and reports that BOP is denying Members of this Committee the ability to meet and speak with inmates in BOP custody.

On March 5, 2024, the Committee wrote to you concerning the treatment of Jason Galanis, an inmate in BOP custody who is a witness in the House's ongoing impeachment inquiry.¹ We understand from Mr. Galanis that he has been the "victim of a pattern of retribution by the Department of Justice in order to prevent my home confinement, which would have allowed full and free access to congressional investigators."² You failed to comply with our requests, which forced us to issue you a subpoena compelling the production of the requested material.³ The subpoena compels you to produce this material no later than May 17, 2024.

Separately, on May 6, 2024, a member of the Committee informed the House of Representatives that you denied his request to meet with Peter Navarro, who is currently in federal custody.⁴ You allegedly denied this request because Dr. Navarro was "too notorious" to meet with a Member of Congress,⁵ and Dr. Navarro has also allegedly been notified that he is not permitted to meet with his attorney.⁶ Your refusal to allow a Member of Congress to meet with

¹ Letter from Jim Jordan, Chairman, House Judiciary Committee and James Comer, Chairman, House Oversight and Accountability Committee, to Colette Peters, Dir., Bureau of Prisons, (Mar. 5, 2024).

² *Id.*

³ Letter from Jim Jordan, Chairman, House Judiciary Committee, to Colette Peters, Dir., Bureau of Prisons, (Apr. 26, 2024).

⁴ Vol. 170 Cong. Rec. No. 78 H2862 (May 6, 2024).

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ *Id.*

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Dr. Navarro—in addition to BOP’s efforts to prevent Mr. Galanis from speaking to Congress—raise serious questions about the politicization of BOP.

Accordingly, we request your testimony at a hearing before the Subcommittee on Crime and Federal Government Surveillance at 2:00 p.m. on June 13, 2024, in Room 2141 of Rayburn House Office Building. The hearing will examine the above issues, among others. Please be prepared to summarize your testimony with a five-minute opening statement and to answer questions posed by Committee Members.

The enclosed Witness Instruction Sheet provides information for witnesses appearing before the Committee. Please note the procedures for submitting written testimony at least two business days prior to the hearing. Please contact Committee staff by May 23, 2023, to confirm your attendance. If you have questions, please contact Jason Cervenak of the Committee staff at (202) 225-6906 or Jason.Cervenak@mail.house.gov.


The House Committee on the Judiciary has jurisdiction over the Bureau of Prisons pursuant to House Rule X. If you have any questions about these requests, please contact Committee staff at (202) 225-6906.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.


Sincerely,



Jim Jordan
Chairman



Andy Biggs
Chairman
Subcommittee on Crime and Federal
Government Surveillance



Matt Gaetz
Member of Congress

cc: The Honorable Jerrold L. Nadler, Ranking Member

Enclosure

Witness Instruction Sheet
Governmental Witnesses

1. Witnesses should provide their testimony via e-mail to [REDACTED], Chief Clerk, at [REDACTED] no later than 10:00 a.m. two business days prior to the hearing.
2. Witnesses should also provide a short biographical summary and include it with the electronic copy of testimony provided to the Chief Clerk.
3. At the hearing, each witness will be asked to summarize his or her written testimony in five minutes or less in order to maximize the time available for discussion and questions. Full written testimony will be entered into the hearing record and may extend to any reasonable length.
4. Written testimony will be made publicly available and will be posted on the Committee's website and the U.S. House of Representatives Document Repository.
5. Witnesses with disabilities should contact Committee staff to arrange any necessary accommodations.

For inquiries regarding these rules and procedures, please contact the Committee on the Judiciary at (202) 225-6906.