

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

June 27, 2016

The Honorable Loretta E. Lynch  
Attorney General  
United States Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Attorney General Lynch,

We request you take immediate steps to appoint a Special Counsel, pursuant to 28 C.F.R. §600.1, to assume control of the ongoing investigation into former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's use of a private, unsecured email server and the mishandling of classified information that ensued.

Last October, 45 Members of the House of Representatives sent a similar request in response to inappropriate comments made by the White House, which we felt jeopardized the political impartiality of the investigation. At that time, the Department of Justice (DOJ) articulated that a Special Counsel is merited when there are "extraordinary circumstances in which the public interest would be served by such an appointment." Clearly, the White House's comments on the then nascent investigation did not meet your standards of extraordinary. Recent developments, however, have resulted in the requisite circumstances being met, and we believe that failure to appoint a Special Counsel would be a disservice to the public interest.

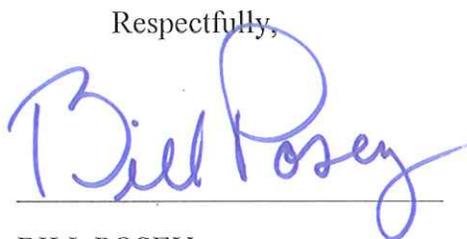
There are four key factors that have unequivocally thrust this investigation into the realm of the extraordinary:

1. For the first time in history a presumptive nominee for President with intimate ties to the Administration is under active investigation by the DOJ and FBI.
2. This same nominee has been endorsed by the current Commander-in-Chief and received the President's pledge to actively campaign on her behalf.
3. The State Department's Inspector General has certified that at the very least, former Secretary Clinton's actions violated the information handling protocols of the State Department.
4. The FBI has publically identified 22 individual emails from Mrs. Clinton's server that are classified at the highest level.

Regardless of the DOJ's final determination with respect to this extraordinary case, many Americans will be critical of the investigation's outcome. By appointing an independent third party as the Special Counsel, the Department would mitigate criticism and protect the public's trust in our law enforcement institutions.

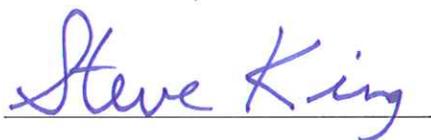
The Attorney General of the United States is responsible for acting always in the public's best interest. As such, it is imperative that you acknowledge the singularity of the circumstances, follow the very standard set-forth by the DOJ, and appoint a Special Counsel.

Respectfully,



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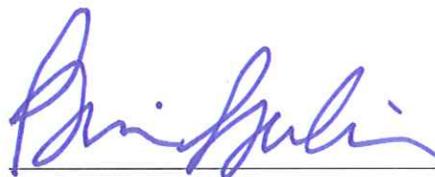
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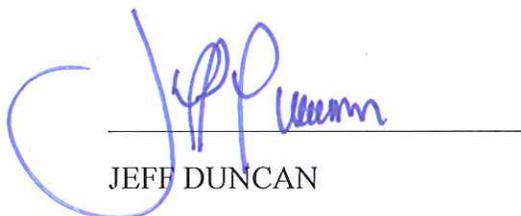
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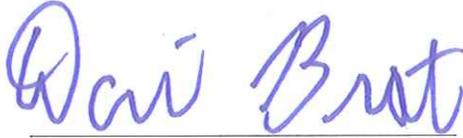
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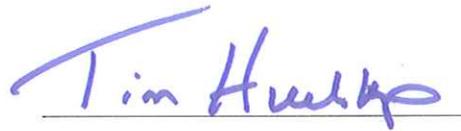
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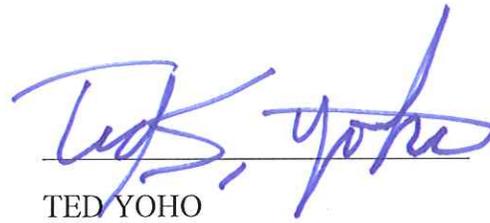
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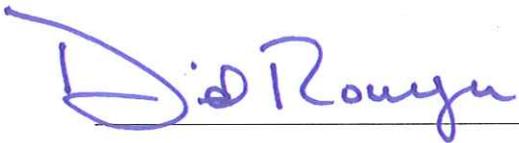
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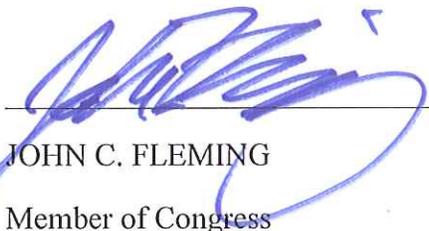
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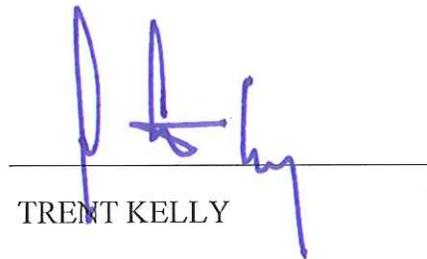
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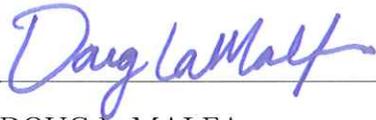
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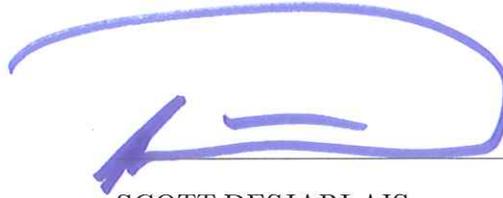
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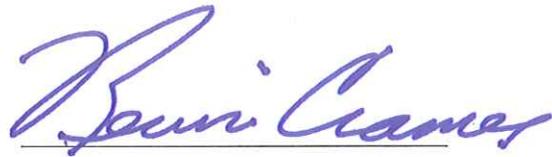
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