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The Honorable Merrick Garland Attorney General Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Attorney General Garland:

We write to request an update on the status of Special Counsel John Durham's inquiry into the Crossfire Hurricane Investigation.

Two years ago, your predecessor appointed United States Attorney John Durham to conduct a review of the origins of the FBI's investigation into Russian collusion in the 2016 United States presidential election. Mr. Durham was later elevated to special counsel in October 2020 so he could continue his work with greater investigatory authority and independence.

The Special Counsel's ongoing work is important to many Americans who were disturbed that government agents subverted lawful process to conduct inappropriate surveillance for political purposes. The truth pursued by this investigation is necessary to ensure transparency in our intelligence agencies and restore faith in our civil liberties. Thus, it is essential that the Special Counsel's ongoing review should be allowed to continue unimpeded and without undue limitations.

To that end, we ask that you provide an update on the status of Special Counsel Durham's inquiry and that the investigation's report be made available to the public upon completion. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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