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Attorney General Bondi,

As you know, Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley recently revealed a shocking document exposing a covert Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) program known as "Arctic Frost." The records show that eight United States Senators and one of our colleagues, Congressman Mike Kelly, were secretly monitored by the FBI under direct orders from Special Counsel Jack Smith. Smith directed a "preliminary toll analysis," of the legislators, giving the FBI access to records showing who they called, what calls they received, and their location during the time at which the phone calls were made. As Senator Grassley correctly noted when he revealed the existence of the document, this covert operation is "arguably worse than Watergate."

The revelation that the Biden Administration directed the FBI to surveil duly elected American lawmakers is indeed a scandal of magnitude our country has not seen since Watergate. Let us be clear: weaponizing the nation's most powerful law enforcement agency to spy on political opponents is what we expect from authoritarian regimes such as North Korea or Iran, not the United States. Operation Arctic Frost appears to be a blatant violation of the constitutional rights of the legislators whose communications were monitored, and it represents yet another egregious instance of the Biden Administration's well-documented campaign to erode the separation of powers between our coequal branches of government.

The ramifications of this unprecedented scandal, however, stretch far beyond the lawmakers who were surveilled. By empowering federal agents to secretly monitor the private phone calls of sitting United States Senators, Jack Smith set the sinister precedent that the same form of covert surveillance can and will be deployed against law-abiding American citizens. If the FBI could be so readily weaponized against powerful figures in our government, then it is not difficult to conclude that the Bureau could easily be directed against individual citizens. Sadly, we already

know this to be the case; previous documents revealed through Senator Grassley's investigation confirmed that the Biden FBI also placed over 90 Republican-linked individuals and groups, including Turning Point USA, under investigation as part of Arctic Frost.

We are encouraged by the work FBI Director Patel has already begun in cleaning house at the FBI, including the decisive action he recently took to dismantle the so-called "corruption squad," which assisted Mr. Smith in his baseless investigation of President Trump. More, however, can and must be done to ensure that the FBI can never again be corrupted to serve the corrupt interests of one political party. Congress bears the responsibility and obligation vested in the Legislative Branch under Article I of the Constitution to conduct robust oversight into the greatest government corruption scandal in modern memory. To downplay this as anything other than an unprecedented attempt to weaponize law enforcement for partisan ends would be a dereliction of that duty. Failure to confront this head-on risks creating a profound crisis of confidence in the government that will be virtually impossible to mend.

It is with these grave concerns that we ask that you open a criminal investigation into Jack Smith and, pursuant to the President's January 20, 2025, Executive Order entitled *Ending the Weaponization of the Federal Government*, a full investigation into the circumstances surrounding the Arctic Frost operation and the individuals who participated in it. American citizens, including those elected to public office, enjoy robust Fourth Amendment protections against unlawful search and seizure. Jack Smith and those who worked with him seemingly had no regard for those constitutional protections and engaged in a brazen abuse of power and total disregard for the law. Failure to hold those involved in this miscarriage of justice accountable will only incentivize continued weaponization of federal law enforcement.

As you so rightly noted when testifying before the Senate Judiciary Committee earlier this month, Operation Arctic Frost is "the kind of conduct that shattered the American people's faith in our government." The very foundations of our republic, the separation of powers and the right of all Americans to be free from unwarranted surveillance, have been shaken to their core. We commend you for your continued work to restore that foundation and appreciate your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

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