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WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6250

September 26, 2018

Mr. Hugh J. Hurwitz
Acting Director
Federal Bureau of Prisons
320 First Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20534

Dear Acting Director Hurwitz:

On July 12, 2018, and July 20, 2018, I relayed to you allegations of wide-ranging, systemic problems within the Bureau of Prisons (BOP) that came to the Committee's attention.¹ I asked you to work closely with the Justice Department Office of Inspector General (OIG) to examine these allegations.² Since then, the Committee has obtained documents and information suggesting that some BOP employees may be destroying federal records and other information relevant to an examination of these allegations.

To ensure that a full and complete universe of relevant records is available to the OIG or the Committee, I respectfully request that you preserve all records related to the allegations referenced above. I also request that you provide the Committee with an explanation of the actions you have taken since July 12, 2018 to ensure that BOP has preserved all records related to this matter, including copies of all preservation notices or document hold requests.

If you have any questions related to this request, please ask your staff to contact Katie Bailey or David Brewer of Committee staff at (202) 224-4751. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Ron Johnson
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Claire McCaskill
Ranking Member

¹ See letter from Ron Johnson, Chairman, S. Comm. on Homeland Sec. & Governmental Aff., to Mr. Hugh J. Hurwitz, Acting Dir., Federal Bureau of Prisons (July 12, 2018); See also letter from Ron Johnson, Chairman, S. Comm. on Homeland Sec. & Governmental Aff., to Mr. Hugh J. Hurwitz, Acting Dir., Federal Bureau of Prisons (July 30, 2018).

² *Id.*