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United States Senate
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6275

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VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

The Honorable Jeff Sessions
Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
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The Honorable Christopher A. Wray
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Dear Attorney General Sessions and Director Wray:

I am once again writing regarding fabricated allegations the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary recently received. As you know, the Senate Judiciary Committee processed the nomination of Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh to serve as an Associate Justice on the Supreme Court of the United States, leading to his eventual confirmation on October 6, 2018. As part of that process, the Committee has investigated various allegations made against Judge Kavanaugh. The Committee's investigation has involved communicating with numerous individuals claiming to have relevant information. While many of those individuals have provided the Committee information in good faith, it unfortunately appears some have not. As explained below, I am writing to refer Ms. Judy Munro-Leighton for investigation of potential violations of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1001 (materially false statements) and 1505 (obstruction), for materially false statements she made to the Committee during the course of the Committee's investigation.

On September 25, 2018, staffers for Senator Harris, a Committee member, referred an undated handwritten letter to Committee investigators that her California office had received signed under the alias "Jane Doe" from Oceanside, California.¹ The letter contained highly graphic sexual-assault accusations against Judge Kavanaugh. The anonymous accuser alleged that Justice Kavanaugh and a friend had raped her "several times each" in the backseat of a car. In addition to being from an anonymous accuser, the letter listed no return address, failed to provide any timeframe, and failed to provide any location -- beyond an automobile -- in which these alleged incidents took place.

Regardless, Committee staff quickly began investigating the claims as part of the broader investigation, hindered by the limited information provided. On September 26, 2018, Committee staff questioned Judge Kavanaugh about these allegations in a transcribed interview conducted

¹ See Undated Letter from "Jane Doe" to Senator Harris, enclosed below.

under penalty of felony.² They read him the letter in full as part of the questioning.³ In response to the anonymous allegations, Judge Kavanaugh unequivocally stated: “[T]he whole thing is ridiculous. Nothing ever -- anything like that, nothing . . . [T]he whole thing is just a crock, farce, wrong, didn’t happen, not anything close.”⁴ Later that day, September 26th, the Committee publicly released the transcript of that interview with Judge Kavanaugh, which included the full text of the Jane Doe letter.⁵

Then, on October 3, 2018, Committee staff received an email from a Ms. Judy Munro-Leighton with a subject line claiming: “I am Jane Doe from Oceanside CA -- Kavanaugh raped me.”⁶ Ms. Munro-Leighton wrote that she was “sharing with you the story of the night that Brett Kavanaugh and his friend sexually assaulted and raped me in his car” and referred to “the letter that I sent to Sen. Kamala Harris on Sept. 19 with details of this vicious assault.” She continued: “I know that [‘]Jane Doe[’] will get no media attention, but I am deathly afraid of revealing any information about myself or my family.” She then included a typed version of the Jane Doe letter.

Committee investigators began investigating Ms. Munro-Leighton’s allegations. Given her relatively unique name, Committee investigators were able to use open-source research to locate Ms. Munro-Leighton and determine that she: (1) is a left-wing activist; (2) is decades older than Judge Kavanaugh; and (3) lives in neither the Washington DC area nor California, but in Kentucky. In order to investigate her sexual-assault claims, Committee investigators first attempted to reach her by phone on October 3, 2018, but were unsuccessful. On October 29, Committee investigators again attempted contact, leaving a voicemail. In response, Ms. Munro-Leighton left Committee investigators a voicemail on November 1, 2018.

Eventually, on November 1, 2018, Committee investigators connected with Ms. Munro-Leighton by phone and spoke with her about the sexual-assault allegations against Judge Kavanaugh she had made to the Committee. Under questioning by Committee investigators, Ms. Munro-Leighton admitted, contrary to her prior claims, that she had not been sexually assaulted by Judge Kavanaugh and was not the author of the original “Jane Doe” letter. When directly asked by Committee investigators if she was, as she had claimed, the “Jane Doe” from Oceanside California who had sent the letter to Senator Harris, she admitted: “No, no, no. I did that as a way to grab attention. I am not Jane Doe . . . but I did read Jane Doe’s letter. I read the transcript of the call to your Committee. . . . I saw it online. It was news.”

She further confessed to Committee investigators that (1) she “just wanted to get attention”; (2) “it was a tactic”; and (3) “that was just a ploy.” She told Committee investigators that she had called Congress multiple times during the Kavanaugh hearing process – including prior to the time Dr. Ford’s allegations surfaced – to oppose his nomination. Regarding the false sexual-assault

² Senate Judiciary Committee Interview with Judge Kavanaugh 5-10 (Sept, 26, 2018). Available at: [https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/09.26.18%20BMK%20Interview%20Transcript%20\(Redacted\).pdf](https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/09.26.18%20BMK%20Interview%20Transcript%20(Redacted).pdf).

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ <https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/press/rep/releases/judiciary-committee-releases-transcripts-of-kavanaugh-interviews>

⁶ Email from Judy Munro-Leighton to Senate Judiciary Committee (Oct. 3, 2018), enclosed below.

allegation she made via her email to the Committee, she said: "I was angry, and I sent it out." When asked by Committee investigators whether she had ever met Judge Kavanaugh, she said: "Oh Lord, no."

In short, during the Committee's time-sensitive investigation of allegations against Judge Kavanaugh, Ms. Munro-Leighton submitted a fabricated allegation, which diverted Committee resources. When questioned by Committee investigators she admitted it was false, a "ploy," and a "tactic." She was opposed to Judge Kavanaugh's confirmation.

As I have repeatedly stated, Committee investigations in support of the judicial nomination process are an essential part of the Committee's constitutional role. The Committee is grateful to citizens who come forward with relevant information in good faith, even if they are not one hundred percent sure about what they know. But when individuals intentionally mislead the Committee, they divert Committee resources during time-sensitive investigations and materially impede our work. Such acts are not only unfair; they are potentially illegal. It is illegal to make materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements to Congressional investigators. It is illegal to obstruct Committee investigations.

Accordingly, in light of the seriousness of these facts, and the threat these types of actions pose to the Committee's ability to perform its constitutional duties, I hope you will give this referral the utmost consideration. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact a professional investigative counsel in the Committee's Oversight and Investigations Unit at (202) 224-5225.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary

Enclosures:

Undated Letter from "Jane Doe" to Senator Harris
Email from Judy Munro-Leighton to Senate Judiciary Committee (Oct. 3, 2018)

cc: The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member
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DEAR SENATOR GRASSLEY, ET AL

THE CURRENT SITUATION REGARDING THE ACCUSATIONS MADE BY DR FORD AGAINST BRETT KAVANAUGH HAVE PROMPTED ME TO WRITE YOU TODAY.

I HAVE MOVED ON WITH MY LIFE SINCE HE FORCED HIMSELF ON ME AS WELL. THE TIMES WERE SO DIFFERENT AND I DIDN'T EXPECT TO BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY, EMBARRASS MY FAMILY BE BELIEVED AT ALL.

I WAS AT A PARTY WITH A FRIEND. I HAD BEEN DRINKING. SHE LEFT WITH ANOTHER BOY LEAVING ME TO FIND MY OWN WAY HOME. KAVANAUGH AND A FRIEND OFFERED ME A RIDE HOME. I DON'T KNOW THE OTHER BOYS NAME. I WAS IN HIS CAR TO GO HOME. HIS FRIEND WAS BEHIND ME IN THE BACK SEAT. KAVANAUGH KISSED ME FORCEFULLY. I TOLD HIM I ONLY WANTED A RIDE HOME. KAVANAUGH CONTINUED TO GROPE ME OVER MY CLOTHES, FORCING HIS KISSES ON ME AND PUTTING HIS HAND UNDER MY SWEATER. "NO!" I YELLED AT HIM. THE BOY IN THE BACK SEAT REACHED AROUND PUTTING HIS HAND OVER MY MOUTH AND

AND Holding my ARM TO KEEP ME IN THE CAR. I SCREAMED INTO HIS HAND.

KAVANAUGH CONTINUED HIS FORCING HIMSELF ON ME. HE PULLED UP MY SWEATER AND BRA EXPOSING MY BREASTS AND REACHED INTO MY PANTIES INSERTING HIS FINGERS INTO MY VAGINA

MY SCREAMS WERE SILENCED BY THE BOY IN THE BACK SEAT COVERING MY MOUTH AND GROPPING ME AS WELL.

KAVANAUGH SLAPPED ME AND TOLD ME TO BE QUIET AND FORCED ME TO PERFORM ORAL SEX ON HIM. HE CLIMAXED IN MY MOUTH.

THEY FORCED ME INTO THE BACKSEAT AND TOOK TURNS RATING ME SEVERAL TIMES EACH.

THEY DROPPED ME OFF TWO BLOCKS FROM MY HOME. "NO ONE WILL BELIEVE YOU IF YOU TELL. BE A GOOD GIRL." HE TOLD ME

WATCHING WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO ANITA HILL AND DR FORD HAS ME IDENTIFIED TO COME FORWARD IN PERSON OR EVEN PROVIDE MY NAME. A GROUP OF WHITE MEN POWERFUL SENATORS WHO WON'T BELIEVE ME WILL COME AFTER ME

Like Dr FORD. IM A TEACHER,
I HAVE AN EDUCATION. A FAMILY. A CHILD
A HOME.

I HAVE CREDIBILITY. JUST BECAUSE
SOMETHING HAPPENS A LONG TIME AGO
BECAUSE A RAPE VICTIM DOESN'T WANT
TO PERSONALLY COME FORWARD DOES NOT
MEAN SOMETHING CAN'T BE TRUE!

Joanne Doe
OCEANSIDE CA

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: I am Jane Doe from Oceanside CA -- Kavanaugh raped me
Date: Wednesday, October 03, 2018 7:27:42 AM

Begin forwarded message:

From: Judy Munro-Leighton <[REDACTED]>
Date: October 3, 2018 at 6:42:35 AM EDT
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: I am Jane Doe from Oceanside CA -- Kavanaugh raped me
Reply-To: [REDACTED]

To all Republican Senators, 10/3/18

My name is Jane Doe, from Oceanside CA. I am sharing with you the story of the night that Brett Kavanaugh and his friend sexually assaulted and raped me in his car. Here is the letter that I sent to Sen. Kamala Harris on Sept. 19 with details of this vicious assault. The Senate Judiciary Comm had a phone interview on Sept. 26 with Kavanaugh to ask him about my letter.

I refuse to allow Donald J. Trump to use me or my story as an ugly chant at one of his Republican rallies. I know that Jane Doe will get no media attention, but I am deathly afraid of revealing any information about myself or my family. I watched in horror as Trump vilified Dr. Blasey-Ford. I will not allow this abuse to be directed toward me.

Dear, Senator Grassley, et al.

The current situation regarding the accusations made by Dr. Ford against Brett Kavanaugh have prompted me to write you today. I have moved on with my life since he forced himself on me as well. The times were so different, and I didn't expect to be taken seriously, embarrass my family, be believed at all. I was at a party with a friend. I had been drinking. She left with another boy, leaving me to find my own way home. Kavanaugh and a friend offered me a ride home. I don't know the other boy's name. I was in his car to go home. His friend was behind me in the backseat. Kavanaugh kissed me forcefully.

I told him I only wanted a ride home. Kavanaugh continued to grope me over my clothes, forcing his kisses on me and putting his hand under my sweater. 'No,' I yelled at him. The boy in the backseat reached around, putting his hand over my mouth and holding my arm

to keep me in the car. I screamed into his hand. Kavanaugh continued his forcing himself on me. He pulled up my sweater and bra exposing my breasts, and reached into my panties, inserting his fingers into my vagina. My screams were silenced by the boy in the backseat covering my mouth and groping me as well. Kavanaugh slapped me and told me to be quiet and forced me to perform oral sex on him. He climaxed in my mouth. They forced me to go into the backseat and took turns raping me several times each.

They dropped me off two blocks from my home. 'No one will believe if you tell. Be a good girl,' he told me. Watching what has happened to Anita Hill and Dr. Ford has me petrified to come forward in person or even provide my name. A group of white men, powerful senators who won't believe me, will come after me. Like Dr. Ford, I'm a teacher, I have an education, a family, a child, a home. I have credibility. Just because something happens a long time ago, because a rape victim doesn't want to personally come forward, does not mean something can't be true.

Jane Doe, Oceanside, California.