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Dear Mr. Wade:

The Committee on the Judiciary continues to conduct oversight of politically motivated prosecutions by state and local officials. Based on recent reports, we believe that you possess documents and information about the coordination of the Fulton County District Attorney's Office (FCDAO) with other politically motivated investigations and prosecutions and the potential misuse of federal funds. Accordingly, we ask for your cooperation with our oversight.

On August 14, 2023, with your assistance, Fulton County District Attorney Fani T. Willis indicted a former President of the United States and current declared candidate for that office. According to a recent court filing, you have been paid more than \$650,000—at the rate of \$250 per hour—to serve as an "Attorney Consultant" and later a "Special Assistant District Attorney" in the unprecedented investigation and prosecution of the former President and other former federal officials. This filing also alleges that while receiving a substantial amount of money from Fulton County, you spent extravagantly on lavish vacations with your boss, Ms. Willis. 3

Although Ms. Willis has so far refused to cooperate with our oversight of the FCDAO's coordination with other politically motivated prosecutions, invoices that you submitted for payment by the FCDAO, and made public as part of this court filing, highlight this collusion. This new information appears to substantiate our concerns that Ms. Willis's politicized

¹ Indictment, Georgia v. Donald John Trump, et al., No. 23SC188947 (Aug. 14, 2023, Fulton Co. Sup. Ct.).

² Defendant Michael Roman's Motion to Dismiss Grand Jury Indictment as Fatally Defective and Motion to Disqualify the District Attorney, Her Office and the Special Prosecutor from Further Prosecuting this Matter at 11, *Georgia v. Donald John Trump, et al.*, No. 23SC188947 (Jan. 8, 2024, Fulton Co. Sup. Ct.) ("Roman Motion").

³ *Id.* at 26-27.

prosecution, including the decision to convene a special purpose grand jury, was aided by partisan Democrats in Washington, D.C.⁴ For example:

- In April 2022, you billed \$6,000 for 24 hours of "[t]eam meeting; Conf w/Jan 6; Research legal issues to prep intev" from April 18 to 22.5
- In May 2022, you billed \$2,000 for eight hours of "travel to Athens; conf. with White House Counsel" on May 23, 2022.⁶
- In that same invoice, you billed another \$2,000 for eight hours of "team meeting; Conf w/Jan 6; SPGJ witness prep" on May 31, 2022.⁷
- In September 2022, you billed \$6,000 for 24 hours of "[w]itness [i]nterviews; conf call DC; team meeting" from September 7 to 9.8
- In November 2022, you billed \$2,000 for eight hours of "Jan 6 meeting and Atty conf." on November 16.9
- In that same invoice, you billed another \$2,000 for eight hours of "[i]nterview with DC/White House" on November 18. 10

The FCDAO reportedly compensated you using a concoction of comingled funds, including monies confiscated or seized by the FCDAO and monies directed from Fulton County's "general" fund. ¹¹ The Committee has information that the FCDAO received approximately \$14.6 million in grant funds from the Department of Justice between 2020 and 2023 ¹² and, given the enormous legal fees you have billed to the FCDAO, there are open questions about whether federal funds were used by the FCDAO to finance your prosecution. In fact, on one day—November 5, 2021—you billed taxpayers for 24 hours of legal work, attesting that you worked all day and night without break on a politically motivated prosecution.

A recent news report corroborates your coordination with partisan Democrats, explaining that you and FCDAO staff "quietly met" with the partisan January 6 Committee, which allowed

⁴ Letter from Rep. Jim Jordan, Chairman, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, to Dist. Att'y Fani T. Willis, Fulton Co. Dist. Att'y's Off. (Dec. 5, 2023) ("December Letter").

⁵ *Id.* at Ex. F (invoice #6).

⁶ See id. at Ex. F (invoice #8); Josh Boswell, Invoices from lawyer 'lover' hired by Fani Willis to prosecute Donald Trump in election interference case show he had TWO 8-hour meetings with the Biden White House counsel, DAILYMAIL.COM (Jan. 9, 2024).

⁷ Roman Motion, *supra* note 2, Ex. F (invoice #8).

⁸ *Id.* at Ex. F (invoice #12).

⁹ *Id.* at Ex. H (invoice #14).

¹⁰ See Roman Motion at Ex. F, Boswell, supra note 6.

¹¹ Roman Motion at 13-16.

¹² Letter from Fani T. Willis to Rep. Jim Jordan, Chairman, H. Comm. on the Judiciary at Ex. E (Sept. 7, 2023).

you to review information they had gathered. ¹³ *Politico* reported that the partisan January 6 Committee provided Ms. Willis's prosecution a "boost" as she prepared to convene a special grand jury and even "helped prosecutors prepare for interviews with key witnesses." ¹⁴ The same article suggests that the partisan January 6 Committee provided you access to records it withheld from other law-enforcement entities and even other Members of Congress. ¹⁵

Atlanta, GA 30303 Project Title: Anti-Corruption Special Prosecutor				INVOICE Marietta, GA 300
Description	DATE COMPLET ED	HOURS	Cost	
Team interview meeting, Prep.	11/7/22	8 hrs @\$250	\$2,000.00	
Meetings with witnesses and interviews with OA	11/8/22	5 hrs @250	\$1,250.00	
SPGJ; Discovery doc	11/9/22- 11/10/22	16 hrs @250	\$4,000.00	
SPGJ into session and prep	11/14/22	8 hr @250	\$2,000.00	
SPGJ	11/15/22	8hrs @ \$250	\$2,000.00	
Jan 6 meeting and Atty conf.	11/16/22	8 hrs @250	\$2,000.00	
Interview with DG/White House	11/18/22	8 hrs @\$250	\$2,000.00	
Wittness interview and doc review	11/21/22	8 hrs @\$250	\$2,000.00	
SPGJ	11/22/22	8 hrs @\$250	\$2,000.00	
Meeting with OA re testimony prep	11/28/22	8 hrs @\$250	\$2,000.00	
SPGJ	11/29/22	8 firs @250	\$2,000.00	
SPGJ	11/30/22	8 hrs. @250	\$2,000.00	
		Total	\$25,250.00	
"Due to billing restrictions this invoice has been significantly truncated tease Note, this invoice covers November of 2022.				okay to pay ATG

The Committee has serious concerns about the degree of improper coordination among politicized actors—including the Biden White House—to investigate and prosecute President Biden's chief political opponent. This new information released recently only reinforces the Committee's concerns about politically motivated prosecutions by state and local officials. To advance our oversight, we ask that you please produce the following documents and information for the period of November 1, 2021, to the present:

¹³ Betsy Woodruff, et al., *Jan. 6 committee helped guide early days of Georgia Trump probe*, POLITICO (Jan. 10, 2024).

¹⁴ *Id*.

¹⁵ *Id*.

- 1. All documents and communications in your possession between or among the Fulton County District Attorney's Office, including yourself, and the U.S. Department of Justice and its components, including but not limited to Special Counsel Jack Smith, referring or relating to the Fulton County District Attorney's Office's investigation of President Trump;
- 2. All documents and communications in your possession between or among the Fulton County District Attorney's Office, including yourself, and the Executive Office of the President, including but not limited to the White House Counsel's Office, referring or relating to the Fulton County District Attorney's Office's investigation of President Trump;
- 3. All documents and communications in your possession between or among the Fulton County District Attorney's Office, including yourself, and the partisan January 6 Select Committee referring or relating to the Fulton County District Attorney's Office's investigation of President Trump;
- 4. All notes, memoranda, documents, or other material in your possession referring or relating to your meetings, conferences, phone calls, or other interactions with the U.S. Department of Justice, the Executive Office of the President, or the partisan January 6 Select Committee;
- 5. All invoices, including credit card statements and individualized reimbursement requests, submitted by you or your law partners to the Fulton County District Attorney's Office relating to its investigation of President Trump; and
- 6. All contracts and financial arrangements between you and the Fulton County District Attorney's Office relating to its investigation of President Trump.

Please provide this information as soon as possible but not later than 10:00 a.m. on January 26, 2024.

Pursuant to Rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee has jurisdiction over criminal justice matters in the United States. ¹⁶ If you have any questions about this request, please contact Committee staff at (202) 225-6906. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

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¹⁶ Rules of the House of Representatives, R. X, 118th Cong. (2023).

cc: The Honorable Jerrold L. Nadler, Ranking Member