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MEMBERS OF MINORITY GROUPS ARE BEING TARGETED BY WHITE SUPREMACISTS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT!

Dear Honorable Jamie Raskin,

I understand that your email correspondences are limited to those who reside in the confines of your congressional district in Maryland; however, the urgency of the matter that I am humbly presenting before you compel me to step outside the geographical boundaries in an effort to underscore your memorandum¹ that was disseminated to the FBI Director, Christopher Wray, on March 9, 2021. More specifically, you requested, on behalf of the Subcommittee of Civil Rights & Civil Liberties, for which you chair, the following:

"The Subcommittee is writing to request a Member briefing on efforts by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to address the infiltration of law enforcement departments by white supremacists."

It is in this spirit that I write to you today with hopes that we can advance this conversation regarding White Supremacists and their strategic infiltration into law enforcement. Given the recent House passing of HR7120 George Floyd Police Reform Act that would ban chokeholds, no-knock warrants, and 'alter' so-called qualified immunity for law enforcement are not only historical for our constituencies but also necessary to begin the arduous journey required to restore public trust and confidence in law enforcement agencies all across our sovereign nation. However, with the ongoing national threat related to the strategic infiltration of White Supremacists in law enforcement, these efforts will more likely be dwarfed because a house divided cannot stand. In other words, we can implement all these re-imagining provisions but if we do not address the root cause then we are simply putting a Band-Aid on a gun shot wound.

I am sure you can agree with Vice President Kamala Harris in that "bad cops are bad for good cops" and the world watched as almost 18 current and former police officers, firefighters, and military servicemembers, among hundreds of other extremists, participated in the egregious insurrection at our U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein² testified at Insurrection Hearing on March 2, 2021 and stated the following to FBI Director, Christopher Wray:

"I want to ask about the threat of Domestic Terrorism by White Supremacists. It isn't new but it has gained a lot of attention in the intelligence circle in recent years, and it is the biggest domestic terrorism threat. Last year, FBI Director Christopher Wray, testified before the House Homeland Security Committee, the most lethal of all domestic extremists since 2001 and have been racially and ethnically motivated. Similarly, the former Acting DHS Director, testified before the Senate that (and she quote) white extremists, from a lethality standpoint, over the last few years, particularly in 2018 – 2019 are the most persistent lethal threat when we talk about domestic extremists."

Additionally, the FBI latest report, released in an article on March 08, 2021, shows an imminent threat to members of minority groups, which makes traffic stops and other police encounters more dangerous than ever before. The report shows members of minority groups are targeted and states:

¹ Memorandum - 021-03-09 JR to Wray-FBI re White Supremacist Infiltration – Jamie Raskin (Online: https://oversight.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/2021-03-09.JR%20to%20Wray-FBI%20re%20White%20Supremacist%20Infiltration.pdf)

² U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein (CA) Speaks at the March 2, 2021 Insurrection Hearing (Online: https://youtu.be/TJhnjHnW4U0)

"White Supremacists 'seek affiliation' with the military and law enforcement to further their goals. Racially motivated extremists want to develop new tactics the document says. In some cases, they wanted to join the military or police so they would be able to commit acts of violence toward members of minority groups. In others, they planned to join the military or police to learn how to wage war against members of those minority groups."

On March 11, 2021, Texas Cops & Communities, Inc. (501 c3), launched our national campaign calling on Americans to sign a national petition supporting the recommendations enumerated below to begin the deliberate process of re-imaging law enforcement because a house divided can't stand. We must clean the house before we truly restore order in policing agencies across our country, as was in the case with one Houston police officer who was removed from duty after participating in the January 6, 2021 insurrection in Washington, DC.

We proudly joined police officers in Texas, black police officers in Chicago, and the police officers at the U.S. Capitol who are exposing systemic racism in law enforcement as well as lawmakers, like **State Representative Ron Reynolds (HD-27)**, who is strongly advocating for real police reform that will not only change the narrative but also the foundation for which we reframe the entry door to America's justice system.

Therefore, we are calling on communities across the country to urge President Joe Biden, Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Senate Majority Leader, Chuck Shumer, and other lawmakers, like you, to:

- take swift and deliberate actions that will prohibit white supremacists from joining law enforcement, similarly to what the
 military is already doing as well as prohibit law enforcement agencies from retaliating against good cops who report police
 misconduct;
- create and maintain a national database of police officers who have been identified as White Supremacists or have close ties
 to the Ku Klux Klan, Skinheads, Neo-Nazis, and any other violent racist hate groups and have been and purged to prevent
 inter-agency infiltration; and
- 3. halt federal DOJ Department of Justice Federal Community Orienting Policing Services Program ('grant') to any law enforcement agency that violates the federal mandate prohibiting the hiring/retaining of police officers who are White Supremacists or have close ties to the Ku Klux Klan, Skinheads, Neo-Nazis, and any other violent racist hate groups who are a threat to national security and an imminent threat to minority groups.

There are just too many people who have died and will die by cops who are carrying out this nefarious and intentional agenda against minorities in this country. George Floyd and Angelo Quinto are just two of the martyrs screaming for justice from their graves because of this kind of systemic lethality against minorities. It was reported in the recent Atlanta, Georgia mass murder that the sheriff's captain, posted anti-Asian posts and monetized his efforts by selling t-shirts.

We are gathering 5000+ electronic signatures and need some additional passions to make that happen. The petition is on Change.org and is available directly via: www.TexasCopsandCommunities.com.

I hope you can join hundreds of our neighbors, concerned residents, police officers, as well as other community/civil rights leaders across the country, and get onboard with this national movement. Unfortunately, the research has been warning us for almost two (2) decades about the intentional chess strategy of White Supremacists groups' successful efforts to infiltrate law enforcement agencies, at all levels, with a strategic intent to target minority groups. Unlike our Nation's Capitol, who erected barbed wire fencing to protect themselves from further domestic terrorism, we cannot do the same for our communities, particularly our minority neighborhoods who are under attack every day.

I look forward to working with your scheduler to solidify a date and time to discuss how we can make this petition the people's petition so we can address the real elephant in the room, which is the infiltration of White Supremacists in Law Enforcement. God bless you sir and our neighbors in the blessed state of Maryland!

In Solidarity and Service!

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