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Dear Ms. Humetewa,

Impartiality in federal prosecution is a fundamental tenet of our judicial process. Recent scandal involving the political motivation behind the dismissal of at least eight US Attorneys has made it vital that we restore the trust of the American people in the Department of Justice. Therefore, I call on you, as the nominee to replace fired Arizona US Attorney Paul Charlton, to publicly state that you have not been under any political pressure or made any deals with Department of Justice or White House officials in order to receive the nomination.

This issue is raised because of recent reports that Paul Charlton opened an investigation involving Congressman Richard Renzi directly before he was asked to leave office. Through subpoenaed White House emails, we have learned that our US Attorney was placed on the White House's now infamous "black list" soon after initiating the investigation into Renzi's alleged corruption.

The investigation into allegations of bribery and vote-selling by Congressman Renzi has since remained out of the public eye and no progress has been reported. The investigation raises deeply disturbing questions about behavior that is potentially criminal and which absolutely undermines the confidence of Arizonans in their federal government.

It is essential that these allegations continue to be investigated fairly and thoroughly. Because of the circumstances surrounding Charlton's removal, it becomes even more imperative that the American people receive reassurance that Charlton's replacement will continue where the prosecutor left off.

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The timing of Charlton's firing, in the context of the larger pattern that has emerged in the removal of eight other US Attorneys, is enough to make any thinking American question whether the Constitutional authorities of the President are being used to cover up criminal activity and avoid prosecutions. If so, it represents an ethically abhorrent abuse of power and calls the integrity of many high-ranking officials into question.

I call on you to publicly state whether you have received any pressure to drop the investigation against Renzi in return for your nomination. It is imperative that we uphold the most rigorous standards of integrity when naming a successor to the Arizona US Attorney's office.

Our federal prosecutors were never meant to serve as the personal attorneys for the President, but as lawyers for the people and principle enforcers of the Constitution of the United States.

I applaud your service to upholding justice in our nation and I look forward to your response and your continued work to ensure the integrity of the justice system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Waid". The signature is stylized and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "W".

David Waid
Chairman