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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, as well as oversight of the Fulton County District Attorney's Office's (FCDAO) receipt and use of federal grant funds. As part of our oversight, the Committee sent you a letter on January 12, 2024, requesting six specific categories of documents relating to your former employment with the FCDAO.¹ On January 26, 2024, the Committee received an unsolicited letter from Fulton County District Attorney Fani T. Willis responding on your behalf to the Committee's letter.² Ms. Willis's letter, however, refused to provide the Committee with any responsive information and merely repeated arguments that the Committee has already considered and dismissed at length.³ To date, you have failed to comply with, or even respond to, the Committee's request. We write to reiterate our requests and ask again for your voluntary cooperation with our oversight.

There are serious concerns about your role in the politically motivated prosecution initiated by Ms. Willis against President Donald J. Trump. You have reportedly "profit[ed]

¹ Letter from Rep. Jim Jordan, Chairman, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, to Mr. Nathan Wade (Jan. 12, 2024) (hereinafter "Jan. 12 Letter"). News reports indicate that you resigned your employment with the FCDAO on March 15, 2024. Melissa Quinn, et al., *Nathan Wade resigns after judge says Fani Willis and her office can stay on Trump Georgia 2020 election case if he steps aside*, CBS NEWS (Mar. 15, 2024).

² Letter from Dist. Att'y Fani T. Willis, Fulton Cty. Dist. Att'y's Off., to Rep. Jim Jordan, Chairman, H. Comm. on the Judiciary (Jan. 26, 2024)

³ *Id.*; see Letter from Rep. Jim Jordan, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, to Dist. Att'y Fani T. Willis, Fulton Cty. Dist. Att'y's Off. (Sept. 27, 2023) (explaining, *inter alia*, that: (1) the Committee's inquiry implicates significant federal interests; and (2) the Committee has constitutional authority to conduct oversight of the FCDAO)

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significantly” from Ms. Willis’s prosecution,⁴ with unsealed court filings alleging that you have been paid “almost seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000) [from the FCDAO] since May of 2022 alone.”⁵ The Committee understands that Ms. Willis reportedly compensated you and financed her politically motivated prosecution using a mixture of taxpayer funds, possibly including part of the \$14.6 million in federal grant funds that her office received from the Department of Justice between 2020 and 2023.⁶ While receiving taxpayer funds, you apparently coordinated with Democrats in Washington, D.C.—“quietly me[eting]” with staff from the partisan January 6 Committee, which allowed you to review information it had gathered,⁷ and you had two separate meetings with the Biden White House, including with President Biden’s White House Counsel.⁸

Pursuant to Rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee has jurisdiction over Justice Department programs and criminal justice matters in the United States.⁹ As we have repeatedly explained to Ms. Willis, the Committee is considering potential legislative reforms establishing clear guidelines outlining the permissible uses of federal grant funds, under 34 U.S.C. §§ 10261, *et seq.*, and 12291, *et seq.*, creating penalties for unlawfully misusing federal grant funds under Title 34 of the United States Code, constructing stringent automatic audit requirements for Department grant managers, or modifying eligibility requirements pertaining to grant recipients that misuse federal funds. Additionally, the Committee has considered legislation broadening the existing statutory right of removal of certain criminal cases from state court to federal court as a remedy against politicized prosecutions by popularly elected state or local prosecutors. The requested material is necessary to advance our oversight and inform these legislative reforms.

Accordingly, we reiterate the requests of our January 12, 2024, letter, enclosed for your convenience, and ask that you produce this material as soon as possible but no later than May 16, 2024. Further, the Committee requires your testimony to discuss the subject matter of our related requests. To facilitate this request, please contact Committee staff at (202) 225-6906 to schedule your appearance for a transcribed interview with the Committee. If you are represented by private counsel, we ask that you forward this letter to your attorney and ask that he or she respond promptly to the Committee on your behalf.

⁴ 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 2, *Georgia v. Donald John Trump, et al.*, No. 23SC188947 (Jan. 8, 2024, Fulton Cty. Sup. Ct.) (“Roman Motion”).

⁵ Defendant’s Motion for Temporary Hearing and Motion for Interim Attorney’s Fees and Expenses of Litigation, *Nathan Wade v. Jocelyn Wade*, No. 21108166 (Dec. 7, 2023, Cobb Cty. Sup. Ct.) (“While [Mrs. Wade] is currently unemployed after being a stay-at-home mom for the past twenty-six years, [Mr. Wade] is Partner at his own law firm and has also been employed by [the FCDAO] earning almost seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000.00) since May of 2022 alone.”).

⁶ Jan. 12 Letter, *supra* note 1 (citing Letter from Dist. Att’y Fani T. Willis, Fulton County Dist. Att’y’s Off., to Rep. Jim Jordan, Chairman, H. Comm. on the Judiciary at Ex. E (Sept. 7, 2023) (“Willis Letter”)).

⁷ Betsy Woodruff, et al., *Jan. 6 committee helped guide early days of Georgia Trump probe*, POLITICO (Jan. 10, 2024).

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).

⁹ Rules of the House of Representatives, R. X, 118th Cong. (2023).

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Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Jim Jordan
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Jerrold L. Nadler, Ranking Member

Enclosure

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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.¹ 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.² 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 2023¹² 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).

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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

LAW OFFICES OF NATHAN J WADE
VENDOR ID: [REDACTED]
ATTENTION: Fulton County District Attorney's Office
[REDACTED]
Atlanta, GA 30303

Project Title: Anti-Corruption Special Prosecutor

INVOICE #14
[REDACTED]
Marietta, GA 30067
[REDACTED]

Description	DATE COMPLETED	HOURS BILLED	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 info 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 DC/White House	11/18/22	8 hrs @ \$250	\$2,000.00
Witness 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 hrs @ \$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

Please Note, this invoice covers November of 2022

Submitted, this _19 day of _January, 2023

Nathan J Wade

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.*

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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.

Sincerely,



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

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