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Congressman Fattah Asks House Committees to Preserve Investigation Documents

In a letter sent today to the House Judiciary and Oversight Committees, Fattah requests Congressional action to ensure there was no prosecutorial misconduct in the Department of Justice case against him

WASHINGTON—Congressman Chaka Fattah (PA-02) sent a [letter](#) to two House committees today requesting that they preserve evidence related to a Department of Justice case against him to ensure there was no prosecutorial misconduct.

In the letter, directed to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and House Judiciary Committee, Fattah writes, “It is no secret that for decades, appropriators in both the House and the Senate have been the target of unconstitutional and illegal investigations. In the execution of their duties, Members of Congress—specifically appropriators—have been the subject of such probes.”

The letter continues, “On July 29, 2015 the federal government, following a wide-ranging, multi-year investigation, issued an indictment charging me with racketeering...Today, I encourage the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform to strongly consider making two important requests as they relate to this case.”

Congressman Fattah asks specifically that the committees require the Department of Justice to properly preserve any and all material related to his case. He additionally requests that at the conclusion of any criminal trial, the material is reviewed to ensure that there was no unconstitutional or unlawful behavior conducted by the Department of Justice.

In the correspondence, Fattah points out past actions by Congress to reform improper DOJ investigations, including those of Senator Ted Stevens (R-AK) and Congressmen Joseph McDade (R-PA) and Alan Mollohan (D-VA).

The full text of the letter can be found [here](#).

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