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The Honorable Pamela J. Bondi  
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Dear Attorney General Bondi:

The Committee is continuing to investigate the Biden-Harris Department of Justice's (DOJ) and Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) weaponization of federal law-enforcement resources against conservative Americans. Publicly available information demonstrates that the DOJ, during Attorney General Merrick Garland's tenure, colluded with the radical, left-wing Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) on matters relating to federal civil rights enforcement.<sup>1</sup> Earlier this Congress, the Committee also found that an internal FBI system contained at least 13 documents, including the Richmond memorandum that labeled traditional Catholics as "violent extremists," that cited material from the SPLC.<sup>2</sup> The extent of the SPLC's influence over our nation's federal law enforcement during the Biden-Harris Administration is deeply concerning, and we respectfully request additional information on this matter.

On October 3, 2025, America First Legal (AFL) released several documents revealing how the DOJ's Civil Rights Division (CRD) partnered with the SPLC during the Biden-Harris Administration, including scheduling regular meetings, giving the SPLC early access to federal law-enforcement data, and also allowing SPLC employees to train DOJ prosecutors.<sup>3</sup> The SPLC routinely maligns conservative and religious organizations, such as Turning Point USA, Family Research Council, and Moms for Liberty, as "hate" groups simply because the SPLC disagrees with their views.<sup>4</sup> The fact that the Biden-Harris DOJ would foster a close relationship with the

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<sup>1</sup> Press Release, America First Legal Reveals Explosive Documents Exposing Biden Department Justice's Partnership and Coordinated Campaign with the Southern Poverty Law Center to Weaponize Civil Rights Enforcement, America First Legal (Oct. 3, 2025); *See also* Josh Christenson, *SPLC helped train Biden's DOJ prosecutors, had exclusive access to hate crimes data: bombshell records*, N.Y. POST (Oct. 3, 2025).

<sup>2</sup> FBI-HJC119-DP-000491 – FBI-HJC119-DP-000492 (on file with the Comm.).

<sup>3</sup> Press Release, America First Legal Reveals Explosive Documents Exposing Biden Department Justice's Partnership and Coordinated Campaign with the Southern Poverty Law Center to Weaponize Civil Rights Enforcement, America First Legal (Oct. 3, 2025).

<sup>4</sup> Southern Poverty Law Center, <https://www.splcenter.org/hate-map/> (last visited Oct. 16, 2025).

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SPLC, knowing its biased political ideology, is concerning and just more evidence of the Biden-Harris Administration's weaponization of the federal government against certain Americans.

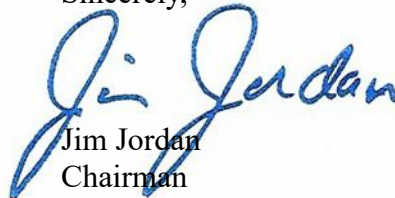
The Committee must understand the depth of the Biden-Harris Administration's collusion with the partisan SPLC, which presumably influenced federal civil rights enforcement over the last four years. To assist in our oversight, we respectfully request that you produce the following materials from the period of January 20, 2021 to January 20, 2025:

1. All documents and communications referring or relating to engagement between DOJ CRD employees, including but not limited to Assistant Attorney General Kristen Clarke, and staff from the SPLC;
2. All documents and communications referring or relating to meetings and trainings involving DOJ CRD employees and SPLC staff, including but not limited to matters pertaining to alleged hate crimes, crime data statistics, and federal civil rights matters;
3. All documents and communications referring or relating to funds used by the DOJ CRD to coordinate meetings and conduct trainings with SPLC staff and schedule tours of the SPLC headquarters in Montgomery, Alabama; and
4. All documents and communications referring or relating to the DOJ's use of the SPLC or material obtained from or produced by the SPLC as a basis or support for a federal civil or criminal law enforcement matter.

Please provide this material as soon as possible but no later than December 9, 2025. Pursuant to the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on the Judiciary has legislative and oversight jurisdiction over the Justice Department and its components.<sup>5</sup> If you have any questions about this matter, please contact Committee staff at (202) 225-6906.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Jim Jordan  
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Jamie Raskin, Ranking Member

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<sup>5</sup> Rules of the House of Representatives, R. X., cl.1(l)(7) (2025).