

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

Monty Wilkinson
Acting Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Acting Attorney General Wilkinson:

On February 3, 2021, we sent you a letter regarding the Biden administration's hiring of Nicholas McQuaid as Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division. In that letter, we raised concerns about potential conflicts of interest in light of the fact that Mr. McQuaid was employed at Latham & Watkins until January 20, 2021, and worked with Christopher Clark, who Hunter Biden reportedly hired to work on his federal criminal case.

On February 19, 2021, the Department responded to our letter but failed to address any of our questions and failed to produce any requested records relating to this matter. The Department's response stated, in part, "Acting Assistant Attorney General [McQuaid] is screened and recused from matters in which he has a financial interest or a personal business relationship, including matters involving his former law firm."¹ To fully and transparently account for this statement, we expect the Department to produce records corroborating the claim, which our initial letter requested, as well as the other requested information and documents relating to Mr. McQuaid no later than March 15, 2021.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary



Ron Johnson
Ranking Member
Permanent Subcommittee
on Investigations

¹ Letter from Helaine Greenfeld, Acting Assistant Attorney General, U.S. Dep't of Justice, to Sen. Charles E. Grassley and Sen. Ron Johnson, Feb. 19, 2021.