

United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 14, 2025

**VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION**

The Honorable Merrick B. Garland  
Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Attorney General Garland,

I once again write to you today regarding the Department of Justice's (DOJ) failure to enforce federal law at the personal residences of members of the United States Supreme Court in the aftermath of the leak of the draft opinion in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* on May 2, 2022.

In March 2023, I brought to your attention evidence that DOJ had actively discouraged the U.S. Marshals Service from enforcing the provisions 18 U.S.C. §1507 (hereinafter, Section 1507) at the homes of Supreme Court Justices in the aftermath of the leak of the *Dobbs* opinion. As you are aware, Section 1507 makes it a crime to picket or parade in or near a residence occupied by a judge "with the intent of interfering with, obstructing, or impeding the administration of justice, or with the intent of influencing any judge, juror, witness, or court officer, in the discharge of his duty."

Several weeks after bringing that evidence to your attention, I led a group of senators in sending you a letter on May 3, 2023, which revealed the existence of further documentation regarding DOJ's discouragement of Section 1507 enforcement and asked for responses to 19 questions and document requests by May 24, 2023.

Despite repeated outreach from my office about the status of a response, my letter was ignored for almost a year before I raised the topic with you again during a hearing of the Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee in April 2024.

In the days following that hearing, I finally received a reply from DOJ – almost a year late – that did not even attempt to respond to any of the questions or requests I raised in my original letter.

As such, and as a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee which has oversight jurisdiction of the Department of Justice and its component agencies, I request that you take all reasonable steps to prevent the destruction of all documents, communications, and other information, including electronic information that may be responsive to my original inquiry, which includes:

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- (1) Any and all draft copies of training materials, guidance, post orders, or other documents related to the U.S. Marshals Service's (USMS) enforcement of 18 U.S.C. §1507 at the personal residences of members of the U.S. Supreme Court that were circulated within or in any way discussed, revised, edited, cleared, or otherwise reviewed by any individual within the Office of the Attorney General or Office of the Deputy Attorney General at any point within the period of time between the leak of the *Dobbs* opinion on May 2, 2022, and the present – including any comments on, revisions to, or edits to those drafts.
- (2) Documents, including emails, memorializing any discussions within or involving individuals within the Office of the Attorney General or the Office of the Deputy Attorney General regarding USMS enforcement of 18 U.S.C. §1507 at the personal residences of members of the U.S. Supreme Court at any point in time between May 2, 2022, and the present.
- (3) Copies of any emails or other record of communications between any individual within the Office of the Attorney General or the Office of the Deputy Attorney General and any individual within USMS regarding enforcement of 18 U.S.C. §1507 at the personal residences of members of the U.S. Supreme Court at any point in time between May 2, 2022, and the present.
- (4) Copies of any emails or other record of communications between any individual within the Office of the Attorney General or the Office of the Deputy Attorney General and any individual within the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Maryland and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia regarding the enforcement of 18 U.S.C. §1507 at the personal residences of members of the U.S. Supreme Court at any point in time between May 2, 2022, and the present.

The retention of these records is important as I work with the incoming administration to continue pursuing oversight and investigation of this matter during the 119<sup>th</sup> Congress. Please confirm by 5 PM on January 17, 2025, that you will comply with this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katie Boyd Britt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Katie Boyd Britt  
United States Senator