



September 28, 2019

VIA E-MAIL THROUGH THE OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

The Honorable Joseph Maguire
Acting Director of National Intelligence
Office of the Director of National Intelligence
Washington, DC 20511

RE: Safety Concerns Regarding the Intelligence Community Whistleblower

Dear Acting Director Maguire:

Thank you for your unqualified support of our client's statutory Whistleblower rights during your testimony at the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence ("HPSCI") hearing last Thursday, and also for your unwavering insistence that our client "did the right thing" and "followed the law every step of the way."

The purpose of this letter is to formally notify you of serious concerns we have regarding our client's personal safety. We appreciate your office's support thus far to activate appropriate resources to ensure their safety.

The events of the past week have heightened our concerns that our client's identity will be disclosed publicly and that, as a result, our client will be put in harm's way. On September 26, 2019, the President of the United States said the following:

I want to know who's the person that gave the Whistleblower, who's the person that gave the Whistleblower the information, because that's close to a spy. You know what we used to do in the old days when we were smart? Right? With spies and treason, right? We used to handle them a little differently than we do now.

The fact that the President's statement was directed to "the person that gave the Whistleblower the information" does nothing to assuage our concerns for our client's safety. Moreover, certain individuals have issued a \$50,000 "bounty" for "any information" relating to our client's identity. Unfortunately, we expect this situation to worsen, and to become even more dangerous for our client and any other whistleblowers, as Congress seeks to investigate this matter.



Thank you for your immediate attention to the matters noted above. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrew P. Bakaj". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Andrew P. Bakaj
Lead Attorney for the Intelligence Community Whistleblower

Enclosures: None.

cc: The Honorable Michael Atkinson,
Intelligence Community Inspector General
Senate Select Committee on Intelligence
House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence