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May 14, 2025

The Honorable Tulsi Gabbard
Director of National Intelligence
1500 Tysons McLean Drive
McLean, VA 22102

Dear Director Gabbard:

Yesterday, Fox News reported—and your spokesperson has since confirmed—that you terminated the Acting Chair and Vice Chair of the National Intelligence Council. The NIC is composed of senior analysts who serve as the leading experts in the intelligence community for you and national security policymakers.

According to anonymous sources cited in the Fox News story, you terminated these two individuals due to their supposed “political bias.” This is an exceptionally serious allegation to make against career intelligence officers—and therefore an allegation that requires supporting evidence. **I ask that you provide such evidence to the Committee no later than May 21.**

Given the NIC’s central role in the intelligence community, your decision to terminate its top two officers clearly should have been communicated to the congressional intelligence committees. Providing information to Fox News or other favored media outlets is not a substitute for fulfilling the statutory requirement to keep the intelligence committees fully and currently informed.

I request a substantive response next week because I have sent you four letters during your tenure as Director of National Intelligence, two of them not public. To date, you have replied to none. I ask that you prioritize your obligation to communicate with congressional oversight, the duly elected representatives responsible for overseeing the intelligence community, on significant matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James A. Himes".

James A. Himes
Ranking Member
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cc: The Honorable Eric A. “Rick” Crawford, Chairman, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence