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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**

February 6, 2020

The Honorable Steven Mnuchin  
Secretary  
United States Department of the Treasury  
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Mr. Secretary:

*Mr. Secretary*

I was encouraged when I read the headline of a report today noting that your department is focusing on rampant abuse and corruption. Upon closer inspection I realized that it was referring to your department's engagement in that abuse, with allegations that the Treasury Department has provided "highly sensitive" financial records of the son of a Democratic candidate for President to several Republican senators conducting a baseless investigation.<sup>i</sup>

Your involvement in a nakedly political probe is unacceptable, but made far worse when compared beside your adamant refusal to obey the law under 26 U.S.C. §6103(f) by providing Donald Trump's tax returns to the chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee pursuant to his request of April 3, 2019.<sup>ii</sup> In light of this new report, please provide answers to the questions below.

- Has your office provided financial materials pertaining to Hunter Biden or members of the Biden family to U.S. Senators or U.S. Senate committees? If so, please detail the nature of those documents and the schedule of their release to the Senate.
- In obstructing the House Ways and Means Committee's investigation into Donald Trump's shady financial background, you have erroneously cited that the committee's request for Trump's business and personal tax returns "lacks a legitimate legislative purpose." Using your own standard, what legitimate legislative purpose is fulfilled by providing the records of Mr. Biden to members of the Senate?
- Does your office have a set or implicit policy of advancing political investigations by Republicans and obstructing congressional inquiries into malfeasance by Republican officials, including Donald Trump?

As I highlighted in my letter to you on October 29, 2019,<sup>iii</sup> I am disgusted that the department has become a honeypot of corruption under your watch. Continuing to violate the law to shield Donald Trump's tax returns while simultaneously aiding a blatantly partisan investigation is an affront to public service. I call on you to end your stonewalling and give the Ways and Means Committee its requested information. In the meantime, please provide answers to my questions immediately.

Sincerely,

Bill Pascrell, Jr.  
Member of Congress

<sup>i</sup> [https://news.yahoo.com/treasury-department-sent-information-on-hunter-biden-to-expanding-gop-senate-inquiry-161846826.html?soc\\_src=hl-viewer&soc\\_trk=tw](https://news.yahoo.com/treasury-department-sent-information-on-hunter-biden-to-expanding-gop-senate-inquiry-161846826.html?soc_src=hl-viewer&soc_trk=tw)

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<sup>1</sup><https://waysandmeans.house.gov/sites/democrats.waysandmeans.house.gov/files/documents/Neal%20Letter%20to%20Rettig%20%28signed%29%20-%202019.04.03.pdf>; see generally <https://pascrell.house.gov/issues/issue/?IssueID=14897>

<sup>2</sup> <https://pascrell.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=4051>