

Opening Statement of Chairman Jim Jordan
Before the Committee on House Administration
Judiciary Committee Primary Funding Resolution
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- Mr. Chairman, Ranking Member Morelle, thank you for the invitation to testify today.
- The Judiciary Committee has an important mission, which I see as this: protecting the fundamental civil liberties of American citizens.
- We've all seen what has happened over the past several years.
- We've seen the First Amendment under attack from Big Tech and Big Government. Don't take it from me—read the Twitter files.
- We've seen how the Justice Department and FBI abuse their law-enforcement authorities.
- We've seen how the radical open-border policies of the Biden Administration has led to crime, drained local resources, and allowed drugs to flow into our country.

- These are important and serious issues, and they are things the Judiciary Committee must examine.
- We expect to have an aggressive legislative and oversight agenda this Congress.
- In addition, the House has created a new select subcommittee within the Judiciary Committee: the Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government.
- To meet our immediate needs, we are respectfully asking for your consideration of a \$2 million annual increase to our budget.
- In addition, we respectfully ask for access to up to \$15 million from the reserve fund to meet additional needs of the Committee and the Select Subcommittee as necessary.
- We've structured the request in this manner so that we have the resources we need but to ensure we are careful stewards of taxpayer dollars.
- Thank you for your consideration of our request. I'm happy to answer any questions you have.