

House Committee on Judiciary
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Member of Congress

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Thank you, Chairman Nadler and Ranking Member Jordan. I am appearing today because I am gravely concerned by Attorney General Merrick Garland's memo to the FBI directing them to intimidate and harass parents who show up to school board meetings. Sadly, one example cited by the National School Boards Association in their letter to the Biden Administration was a father who showed up to a school board meeting because his 14-year-old daughter was sexually assaulted in a school bathroom by a boy who was allowed in the girls' room because of the school's transgender activism policy. The father was trying to warn board members and other parents about the real-world implications of the left's radical political agenda, and the danger posed to teenage girls, but tragically he was arrested and labeled a "domestic terrorist."

This is a chilling and anti-Democratic action by the Biden DOJ to try to use fear, harassment, and intimidation to keep parents from showing up to school board meetings and speaking out against the radical left-wing agenda being imposed against their wishes. Parents are in charge of their child's education, period. Not "experts" from left-wing organizations. Not the teachers' unions. Not the Biden Administration. Parents.

If the DOJ is looking for Congressional direction on how they should be using their taxpayer-funded resources, they should start by investigating and prosecuting the human trafficking cartels that are smuggling 19,000 children across our southern border each month.

The DOJ seems to have a strong preoccupation with persecuting and prosecuting American citizens for engaging in Constitutionally protected activities. I would strongly recommend they focus on keeping Americans safe, and prosecuting child traffickers would be a good start.