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Professor Abraham Bell
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Dear Professor Bell:

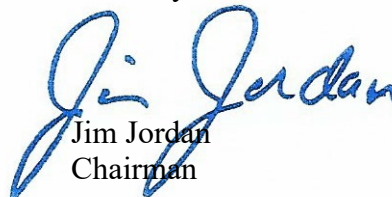
The Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, Artificial Intelligence, and the Internet of the Committee on the Judiciary is pleased that you have agreed to provide testimony at a hearing entitled, "The International Criminal Court's Threat to the Sovereignty of the United States and Its Allies," on September 15, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in room 2237 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

The hearing will examine issues relevant to the International Criminal Court's threat to U.S. sovereignty and its record of politicized enforcement. Please be prepared to summarize your testimony with a five-minute opening statement and to answer questions posed by Committee Members.

The enclosed Witness Instruction Sheet provides information for witnesses appearing before the Committee. Please note the procedures for submitting written testimony at least two business days prior to the hearing. If you have questions, please ask your staff to contact Committee staff at (202) 225-6906.

The Committee looks forward to your testimony.

Sincerely,



Jim Jordan
Chairman

Enclosures

Witness Instruction Sheet
Non-governmental Witnesses

1. Witnesses should provide their testimony, biography, and “Truth in Testimony” disclosure and certification form via e-mail to Evangeline McLean, Clerk, at Evangeline.McLean@mail.house.gov, no later than 10:00 a.m. two business days prior to the hearing.
2. Witnesses must complete the attached “Truth in Testimony” disclosure and certification. Additional pages may be attached to the form if needed. Witnesses must also include a biography, resume, or curriculum vitae. This disclosure and biographical information are required by House Rules. (House Rule XI, clause 2(g)(5))
3. Written testimony, biography, and “Truth in Testimony” disclosure and certification form will be made publicly available and will be posted on the Committee’s website and U.S. House of Representatives Document Repository. It is therefore recommended that personally identifiable information such as addresses and phone numbers not be included in the biographical information.
4. At the hearing, each witness will be asked to summarize his or her written testimony in five minutes or less in order to maximize the time available for discussion and questions. Full written testimony will be entered into the hearing record and may extend to any reasonable length.
5. Witnesses with disabilities should contact Committee staff to arrange any necessary accommodations.

For inquiries regarding these rules and procedures, please contact the Committee on the Judiciary at (202) 225-6906.

Truth in Testimony Disclosure Form

In accordance with Rule XI, clause 2(g)(5)* of the *Rules of the House of Representatives*, witnesses are asked to disclose the following information. Please complete this form electronically by filling in the provided blanks.

Committee: Judiciary

Subcommittee: Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet

Hearing Date: 09/15/2026

Hearing Title :

The International Criminal Court's Threat to the Sovereignty of the United States and Its Allies

Witness Name: Abraham bell

Position/Title: Professor of Law, University of San Diego

Witness Type: ☐ Governmental ☒ Non-governmental

Are you representing yourself or an organization? ☒ Self ☐ Organization

If you are representing an organization, please list what entity or entities you are representing:

FOR WITNESSES APPEARING IN A NON-GOVERNMENTAL CAPACITY

Please complete the following fields. If necessary, attach additional sheet(s) to provide more information.

Are you a fiduciary—including, but not limited to, a director, officer, advisor, or resident agent—of any organization or entity that has an interest in the subject matter of the hearing? If so, please list the name of the organization(s) or entities.

No

Please list any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) related to the hearing's subject matter that you or the organization(s) you represent have received in the past thirty-six months from the date of the hearing. Include the source and amount of each grant or contract.

None

Please list any contracts, grants, or payments originating with a foreign government and related to the hearing's subject that you or the organization(s) you represent have received in the past thirty-six months from the date of the hearing. Include the amount and country of origin of each contract or payment.

None

Please complete the following fields. If necessary, attach additional sheet(s) to provide more information.

- ☒ I have attached a written statement of proposed testimony.
- ☒ I have attached my curriculum vitae or biography.

* Rule XI, clause 2(g)(5), of the U.S. House of Representatives provides:

(5)(A) Each committee shall, to the greatest extent practicable, require witnesses who appear before it to submit in advance written statements of proposed testimony and to limit their initial presentations to the committee to brief summaries thereof.

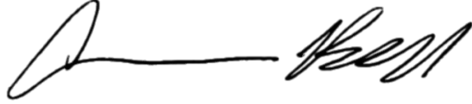
(B) In the case of a witness appearing in a non-governmental capacity, a written statement of proposed testimony shall include— (i) a curriculum vitae; (ii) a disclosure of any Federal grants or contracts, or contracts, grants, or payments originating with a foreign government, received during the past 36 months by the witness or by an entity represented by the witness and related to the subject matter of the hearing; and (iii) a disclosure of whether the witness is a fiduciary (including, but not limited to, a director, officer, advisor, or resident agent) of any organization or entity that has an interest in the subject matter of the hearing.

(C) The disclosure referred to in subdivision (B)(ii) shall include— (i) the amount and source of each Federal grant (or subgrant thereof) or contract (or subcontract thereof) related to the subject matter of the hearing; and (ii) the amount and country of origin of any payment or contract related to the subject matter of the hearing originating with a foreign government.

(D) Such statements, with appropriate redactions to protect the privacy or security of the witness, shall be made publicly available in electronic form 24 hours before the witness appears to the extent practicable, but not later than one day after the witness appears.

False Statements Certification

Knowingly providing material false information to this committee/subcommittee, or knowingly concealing material information from this committee/subcommittee, is a crime (18 U.S.C. § 1001). This form will be made part of the hearing record.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Best", is written over a horizontal line.

Witness signature

9/15/26

Date