

**Hearing Before the United States House of Representatives
Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol**

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Chairman Thompson and Vice Chair Cheney, thank you for inviting me to appear here today with my former colleagues Richard Donoghue and Steven Engel. Serving alongside them and the many other dedicated employees of the Justice Department was an extraordinary honor. They were and are an exceptional team of public servants who always put the best interests of our Country first. In the interest of time, I have submitted a copy of my prior opening statements to the House Oversight Committee and Senate Judiciary Committee, and would ask that both be entered into the public record.

With respect to my tenure at the Department of Justice, my priority was to ensure the Department would always proceed on the basis of the facts and the legal merits, to enforce the Constitution and preserve the rule of law. We did that with unfailing fidelity under sometimes very challenging circumstances.

During my tenure as Acting Attorney General, the Justice Department maintained the position that the Department had been presented with no evidence of widespread voter fraud at a scale sufficient to change the outcome of the 2020 election. We thus held firm to the position that the Department would not participate in any campaign's or political party's legal challenges to the certification of the Electoral College votes. We also insisted that there must be an orderly and peaceful transfer of power under the Constitution. In particular, during my tenure, we appointed no special prosecutors; sent no letters to States or State legislators disputing the election outcome; and made no public statements saying the election was corrupt and should be overturned. We initiated no Supreme Court actions, nor filed or joined any other lawsuits, calling into question the legitimacy of our election and institutions. To the contrary, the only time the Department filed a brief in court, it was to say that a Congress Member's lawsuit to overturn the election should be dismissed, as it was.

Some argued to the former President and public that the election was corrupt and stolen. That view was wrong then and it is wrong today, and I hope our presence here today helps reaffirm that fact.

Thank you and I am happy to answer your questions.