

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

February 15, 2024

The Honorable James Michael "Mike" Johnson
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson,

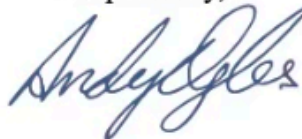
On February 14, 2024, at approximately 11:35a.m., the Chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence revealed to the American people an imminent and perhaps existential threat to the United States of America.

This revelation by the Chairman was done with a reckless disregard of the implications and consequences said information would have on geopolitics, domestic and foreign markets, or the well-being and psyche of the American people. In hindsight, it has become clear that the intent was not to ensure the safety of our homeland and the American people, but rather to ensure additional funding for Ukraine and passage of an unreformed Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA). This act constituted poor judgement at a minimum and a complete breach of trust influenced by the pursuit of a political agenda at a maximum.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great reticence that I formally request an inquiry as to any impact the Chairman's statements may have had on U.S. foreign and domestic policy. Furthermore, as the Chairman of the Select Committee on Intelligence is solely appointed by the Speaker and under your direct purview, should the Chairman retain his post, you have a duty and an obligation to reassure this body (Congress) and the American people that the processes of the Intelligence Committee have not been corrupted by the very institutions they are charged with monitoring.

Congress has a Constitutional obligation to conduct oversight, enshrined by the Founders of our nation. Now is the time to act.

Respectfully,



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