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November 19, 2008

The Honorable Michael B. Mukasey  
Attorney General  
United States Department of Justice  
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Dear Attorney General Mukasey:

Department of Justice witnesses have failed to answer hundreds of written questions submitted by Republican and Democratic Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee. I am writing to ask you to expeditiously rectify this problem.

It is imperative that witnesses provide complete, accurate and timely responses, as provided by law, to questions posed to them by Members of the Committee. The Committee provides a two-week period for witnesses to submit responses to written questions submitted to them following their appearances before the Committee. Witnesses may seek extensions for good cause beyond the two-week period, but the majority of the outstanding questions submitted to Department of Justice witnesses have been pending for many months. The details of the outstanding questions are set out in the attached chart. Please let me know by November 26 when the Committee can expect to receive answers to these questions.

I trust that you understand how these unanswered questions compromise this Committee's oversight responsibilities. It is my hope that the Department will answer all outstanding questions before the adjournment of the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress. You can set an example by promptly returning responsive answers to the questions posed to you in connection with the July 9 oversight hearing, which was more than four months ago.

Sincerely,



PATRICK LEAHY  
Chairman

Senate Committee on the Judiciary Overdue Written Responses to Questions Submitted to the  
Department of Justice Following Full Committee Hearings in the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress, as of  
November 17, 2008

Hearing Date	Hearing Title	DoJ Witness	Date Submitted	Unanswered Questions by Senator
9/17/08	Oversight of the FBI	Hon. Robert S. Mueller, III Director Federal Bureau of Investigation	10/1/08	Schumer(10), Cardin(14), Grassley(9)
9/9/08	Protecting the Right to Vote: Oversight of the Department of Justice's Preparations for the 2008 General Election	Grace Chung Becker Acting Assistant Attorney General Civil Rights Division and Barry Sabin Deputy Assistant Attorney General Criminal Division	9/17/08	Leahy(5), Kennedy(9 to Becker only), Biden(16), Feinstein(2), Cardin(3),
7/9/08	Oversight of the U.S. Department of Justice	Hon. Michael B. Mukasey Attorney General	7/17/08	Kennedy(9), Kohl(1), Schumer(6), Durbin(5), Grassley(11), Sessions(5), Coburn(11)
6/10/08	Coercive Interrogation Techniques: Do they Work, Are They Reliable, and What Did the FBI Know About Them?	Valerie Caproni General Counsel Federal Bureau of Investigation	7/1/08	Kennedy(7), Feinstein(10), Schumer(5)
3/5/08	Oversight of the FBI (partial answers received)	Hon. Robert S. Mueller, III Director Federal Bureau of Investigation	3/13/08	Leahy(14), Kennedy(13), Feingold(11), Durbin(25), Grassley(11)
2/13/08	Examining the State Secrets Privilege: Protecting National Security While Preserving Accountability	Carl J. Nichols Deputy Assistant Attorney General Civil Division	2/29/08	Feingold(5), Cornyn(1)
1/23/08	Oversight of the Justice for All Act: Has the Justice Department Effectively Administered the Bloodsworth and Coverdell DNA Grant Programs?	John Morgan Deputy Director for Science and Technology National Institute of Justice	2/1/08	Leahy(5), Kennedy(5), Sessions(2)
12/5/07	Reauthorization of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act	J. Robert Flores Administrator Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention	12/13/07	Leahy(1), Kennedy(1), Feingold(1)
12/4/07	Electronic Prescribing of Controlled Substances: Addressing Health Care and Law Enforcement Priorities	Joseph T. Rannazzisi Deputy Assistant Administrator Office of Diversion Control Drug Enforcement Administration	12/13/07, resent 7/7/08	Specter(6), Coburn(5)

10/31/07	FISA Amendments: How to Protect Americans' Security and Privacy and Preserve the Rule of Law and Government Accountability	Kenneth L. Wainstein Assistant Attorney General National Security Division	11/13/07	Leahy(5), Kennedy(15), Feingold(10), Kyl(6)
7/24/07	Oversight of the U.S. Department of Justice (partial answers received)	Hon. Alberto Gonzales Attorney General	8/1/07	Leahy(22), Kennedy(26), Biden(15), Feinstein(10), Feingold(4), Schumer(5), Durbin(7), Specter(5), Grassley(10)