December 22, 2017

President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

We are former federal prosecutors with extensive experience in complex investigations. We understand just how critical it is to the interests of justice and public trust to ensure that those charged with conducting complex investigations are allowed to do their jobs free from interference or fear of reprisal. That is why we were gratified by your statement on Sunday that you do not intend to seek the removal of Special Counsel Robert Mueller.

We do not know where Mr. Mueller’s investigation may lead but, from our own experience, we know that Mr. Mueller must be permitted to continue the difficult job with which he has been charged. Seeking his removal would have severe repercussions for Americans’ sense of justice here at home and for our reputation for fairness around the world.

We applaud your comments on Sunday and ask that you adhere to them as Mr. Mueller continues his work. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Tim Johnson, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Texas, 2008-2010
Melvin W. Kahle, Jr., U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of West Virginia, 1999-2001
Patrick O’Toole, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of California, 2001-2002