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March 31, 2025

The Honorable Tulsi Gabbard  
Director of National Intelligence  
1500 Tysons McLean Drive  
McLean, VA 22102

Dear Director Gabbard:

We write regarding the Signal group chat in which participants discussed detailed plans for an impending U.S. military attack on Houthi terrorists in Yemen. This chat was reckless and put the lives of our service members at risk. The information discussed would properly be classified under both Department of Defense and Office of the Director of National Intelligence guidelines. Claims to the contrary defy both the plain language of those classification guides and common sense.

Since you and other intelligence community leaders testified about the group chat before the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence last Wednesday, there have been new developments. First, the bipartisan leaders of the Senate Armed Services Committee requested the Acting Inspector General of the Department of Defense conduct an inquiry into the facts and circumstances of the chat. Second, the *Wall Street Journal*, citing multiple U.S. officials, reported that a key American ally “provided sensitive intelligence from a human source in Yemen on a key Houthi military operative” who was targeted in the U.S. military attack; that National Security Advisor Mike Waltz sent texts on the Signal chain following the attack—noting the U.S. had “positive ID” that the building in which the operative was located had collapsed—that may have been linked to information from that source; and that the U.S. ally complained to the United States that Mr. Waltz’s texts had become public. The *Wall Street Journal*’s reporting, if accurate, is deeply concerning.

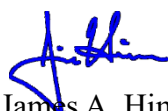
These developments underscore the need for the intelligence community, under your leadership, to conduct a parallel inquiry into the chat, to complement the congressionally-requested inquiry by the DOD IG and the inquiry that is—according to your testimony—apparently being conducted by the National Security Council.

The need for an independent, IC-centered investigation into the chat is reinforced by two additional factors. First, it's the law. As Congresswoman Houlahan noted to you at the hearing, 50 USC 3235a, which this Committee authored and enacted with bipartisan support, requires the DNI to promptly notify the congressional intelligence committees if the DNI becomes aware of a “significant unauthorized disclosure or compromise of classified national intelligence,” to initiate an assessment of any damage done by that disclosure, and to provide the intelligence committees with the underlying materials that were disclosed—which, in this case, would be the full contents of the chat. Given that you participated in the chat, you should delegate your responsibilities under 50 USC 3235a to the National Counterintelligence and Security Center or another appropriate entity within the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

The second factor requiring an independent, IC-led investigation is the refusal, to date, of the FBI to conduct a counterintelligence-focused investigation into the chat, including to determine whether 18 USC 793(f) or any other federal law was broken.<sup>1</sup>

Please respond in writing to this letter, indicating whether you will initiate an IC-led investigation into the chat.

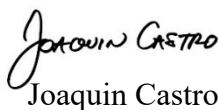
Sincerely,



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<sup>1</sup> 18 USC 793(f) states in pertinent part as follows: “Whoever, being entrusted with or having lawful possession or control of any document, . . . plan, . . . , or information, relating to the national defense, . . . through gross negligence permits the same to be removed from its proper place of custody or delivered to anyone in violation of his trust, . . . [s]hall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than ten years, or both.”



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cc: The Honorable Eric A. "Rick" Crawford, Chairman, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence