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Secretary Kerry, Attorney General Lynch, and Director Clapper:

During his press briefing on July 5<sup>th</sup>, Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Director James Comey provided an overview of the results of the FBI's investigation into former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's use of a private email server. Despite his decision not to recommend criminal charges in this case, Director Comey's statement on the FBI's findings are damning as they relate to Secretary Clinton's and other State Department employees' handling of America's most highly classified information.

Director Comey described Secretary Clinton's handling of classified information as "extremely careless"—including sending and receiving Top Secret/Special Access Program information using an email server that was less secure than a commercial product like Gmail. As you are fully aware, Special Access Programs signify America's most closely-guarded secrets.

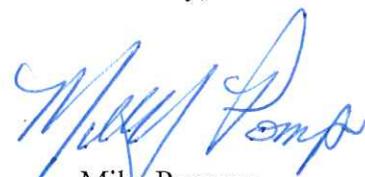
To make matters worse, Clinton regularly used her personal email overseas, including, as Director Comey put it, "in the territory of sophisticated adversaries." It would be extremely naïve to conclude anything other than the following: America's most vital secrets are in the hands of our adversaries because Secretary Clinton intentionally avoided using official government communication systems. There is no doubt that she knew better—Secretary Clinton has been in and out of the highest levels of government for nearly 25 years. I have read many of these classified emails—there is no doubt that American lives are at risk today because of her actions.

In his remarks, Director Comey made clear that while he was not recommending charges be brought against Secretary Clinton, she is by no means innocent. He said that under similar circumstances, violators are “often subject to security or administrative sanctions.” Given the facts we now know, it is critical that the State Department, and any other appropriate government agency, immediately conduct a review of Secretary Clinton’s, and her staff’s, access to classified information. To that end, please provide answers to the following questions by July 22, 2016.

- Are any of you aware if former Secretary Clinton still has any access to classified information? If so, will the Department of Justice, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, State Department, or any other government agency be reviewing the appropriateness of her continued access to classified information?
- Secretary Kerry, Director Comey said that the FBI “developed evidence that the security culture of the State Department in general, and with respect to use of unclassified e-mail systems in particular, was generally lacking in the kind of care for classified information found elsewhere in the government.” What steps have you taken and are you taking now to address this lax security culture at the State Department?
- Secretary Kerry, senior State Department officials, including current Under Secretary for Management Patrick Kennedy, knowingly and willingly participated in Secretary Clinton’s “extremely careless” email arrangement. It is my opinion that he, and any others still in federal service, should be terminated. Have any personnel actions, including termination or administrative penalties been pursued against him or any other current or former State Department employees?
- Secretary Kerry, have Jake Sullivan, Huma Abedin, Cheryl Mills, or any other current or former State Department employees, faced any personnel actions, including termination or revocation of their security clearances, as a result of the FBI’s findings?

With classified briefings for the presidential nominees set to begin shortly, I believe that the only appropriate course of action is for Secretary Clinton to be excluded from these briefings, at least until a review into this matter is complete. Secretary Clinton’s complete disregard for the letter and spirit of the law in her handling of classified information is not a political issue. It is a national security issue that puts American interests, and American lives, in danger. It must be treated with the utmost seriousness.

Sincerely,



Mike Pompeo  
Member of Congress