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The Honorable Ron Wyden  
United State Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Wyden:

This responds to your letter dated July 22, 2013 to James B. Comey, the nominee to serve as Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Mr. Comey appreciated the opportunity to meet with you on July 18, 2013 and to respond to your questions about his views. If he is confirmed, Mr. Comey is committed to working with you and other Members of Congress. Unfortunately, Mr. Comey is not in a position to respond to the additional questions posed in your letter. For example, he is not able to determine whether your questions implicate information that remains classified, nor is he authorized to disclose any information that he believes may be classified. Similarly, Mr. Comey has not been informed about the details or value of any programs currently employed by intelligence agencies to protect our national security. He has, however, pledged that, if confirmed, he will work to accommodate the needs of the relevant congressional oversight committees, consistent with the FBI's law enforcement and national security responsibilities. (*See Questions for the Hearing Record, page 17, submitted to the Senate Judiciary Committee on July 15, 2013.*)

We hope that this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may provide additional assistance on any other matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter J. Kadzik".

Peter J. Kadzik  
Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General