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The Honorable Pam Bondi  
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Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Attorney General Bondi:

This letter is in response to the notification provided to the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies (“Committee” or “CJS”) by the Department of Justice (Department) on July 1, 2025, in accordance with Division C, Title V, Section 505 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Public Law 118–42)—a provision that remains law under the American Relief Act, 2025 (Public Law 118–158)—and with the congressional notification requirement contained in the joint explanatory statement accompanying Public Law 118–42.

As Ranking Member of the Committee, I strongly object to the proposed reprogramming of balances from prior year appropriations provided for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Construction and Salaries and Expenses accounts for the new FBI consolidated headquarters facility in the National Capital Region. I object to the Department’s proposal to use these existing balances to relocate and renovate an existing, federally-owned building in Washington, D.C., for the FBI’s new headquarters building. The intent of Congress in appropriating this funding over multiple years was specifically for the purposes of planning, design, and pre-construction requirements at the final suburban site selected by the General Services Administration (GSA). In parallel, as early as fiscal year (FY) 2019, the Financial Services and General Government (FSGG) Appropriations Act carried language in its accompanying joint explanatory statements and finally codified the directive in section 530 of the FY 2022 FSGG Appropriations Act (Public Law 117–103) that the GSA Administrator “shall select a site from one of the three listed in the General Services Administration Fiscal Year 2017 PNCR–FBI–NCR17 prospectus for a new fully consolidated [FBI] headquarters”.

On November 9, 2023, the GSA announced the selection of the new, consolidated FBI headquarters and campus in Greenbelt, Maryland. Furthermore, I note the lack of transparency with respect to the Department’s selection of a building in Washington, D.C. Such a decision clearly lacks a deliberative and competitive process, as opposed to the selection of the Greenbelt,

Maryland, suburban site, which was made after an extensive, thorough, and transparent process to identify the suburban site that best supports the FBI's security and mission needs.

My objection is further supported by the recent action of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, which adopted my amendment—on a bipartisan basis—at last week's full committee markup of the FY 2026 CJS Appropriations bill and report. That amendment prohibits funds in the FY 2026 CJS Appropriations Act or any other appropriations act under the FBI's Salaries and Expenses and Construction accounts, including unobligated balances from prior year appropriations, from being obligated, expended, reprogrammed, or rescinded for the purpose of moving the FBI's headquarters from its current location in the J. Edgar Hoover Building or to any location other than the site determined by the GSA, as announced on November 9, 2023, which is the Greenbelt site.

Given my objection as Ranking Member and the recent inclusion by the Committee of the bipartisan amendment on the CJS bill, I expect the Department to take no further action on this reprogramming and proposal.

Sincerely,



Chris Van Hollen  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Commerce,  
Justice, Science and Related Agencies