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June 27, 2025

The Honorable Tulsi Gabbard
Director of National Intelligence
Office of the Director of National Intelligence
Washington, D.C. 20511

Dear Director Gabbard,

I write to you out of extreme concern about recent reports that the present administration intends to limit the access of Members of Congress to classified information, including information related to the recent airstrikes carried out in Iran.¹ Let me remind you first and foremost that it is a constitutional requirement that Members of the House and Senate preform congressional oversight. To deny, censor or falsely represent in any way, the information that is normally available to Members of Congress flies in the face of the Constitution. Therefore, I demand that any briefings given to Congress in a classified setting contain all pertinent and truthful information without censorship so that we may do our job on behalf of the American people and our collective national security.

I agree that classified information must be held by all people with access to it with the utmost secrecy and discretion. As you'll remember from our exchange in March when you appeared before the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, I insisted you follow the law in investigating a significant breach of security by Secretary of Defense Hegseth. I now insist once again that you follow the law, which requires that the congressional intelligence committees and other relevant committees are kept fully and currently informed of the intelligence activities of the United States.

I want to make clear that I share your praise of our armed services, and in particular of all the Airmen who were involved in these strikes. As a veteran of the United States Air Force, I have a profound appreciation for the sacrifice they are making to serve. Now that the strikes have been carried out, I also have a solemn hope that they were successful. Rather than embellish or

¹ <https://www.msn.com/en-us/politics/government/scoop-trump-to-limit-sharing-classified-info-with-congress-after-leak-on-iran-bombing-damage/ar-AA1Hpw1G?ocid=BingNewsSerp>

grandstand, it is essential that the Administration be transparent in both closed and public settings to Congress and the American people and address what the path forward is for achieving a peaceful Middle East and a nonnuclear Iran. I urge that the briefing include all critical and truthful information so that we may do our solemn duties of necessary oversight and protect our national security.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Chrissy Houlahan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "C".

Chrissy Houlahan
Member of Congress