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Re: *The Select Committee's Refusal to Hear From District Attorney Krasner*

Dear Mr. Rush:

The Select Committee on Restoring Law and Order ("Select Committee") has repeatedly refused to hear from District Attorney Larry Krasner, even though he is the target of its investigation and has expressly asked to testify before the Select Committee.

On September 21, 2022, District Attorney Krasner asked to testify and answer questions at the Select Committee's public hearings on September 29-30, 2022. The Select Committee refused. On October 18, 2022, District Attorney Krasner asked to testify and answer questions at a public hearing on October 21, 2022. The Select Committee refused. On October 19, 2022, District Attorney Krasner asked to testify in Executive Session – as the Select Committee had invited him to do. Again, the Select Committee refused, this time because the Select Committee is supposedly "no longer available to convene that day."

The Select Committee's actions suggest it is not interested in conducting a fair and transparent investigation. A committee sincerely inquiring about the practices of a district attorney would have leapt at the chance to hear from and question the very individual it is investigating.

We have repeatedly noted that the Select Committee's true purpose, explicitly so according to Rep. Ecker, was to try to find a reason to support impeaching District Attorney Krasner. However, even with that understanding, it is hugely disappointing that the Committee has twisted itself into knots in order to *not* hear from the District Attorney.

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The Select Committee's focus – even before it had been constituted – on impeaching District Attorney Krasner has not served its ostensible goal of reducing crime in Philadelphia. Indeed, by focusing on the person, instead of the real issues related to crime reduction, the Special Committee has made things worse; substituting political points for substance is no way to fight crime.

Sincerely,



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