

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 28, 2025

The Honorable William Blier  
Acting Inspector General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Acting Inspector General Blier:

In light of new and troubling whistleblower disclosures to your office and to the Senate Judiciary Committee regarding allegations of official misconduct by Principal Associate Deputy Attorney General Emil Bove, we write to clarify whether your office is undertaking any investigations of or related to Mr. Bove. In the past six months, extensive reporting uncovered that Mr. Bove abused his authority as a senior political appointee at the Department of Justice (DOJ). This includes directing subordinates to violate court orders,<sup>1</sup> personally threatening anti-corruption prosecutors with dismissal and investigation,<sup>2</sup> and directing prosecutors to dismiss criminal charges in exchange for Eric Adams' cooperation on Trump Administration's mass deportations agenda.<sup>3</sup> Earlier today, public reporting revealed that another previously undisclosed whistleblower has "presented documentation that contradicts claims Bove made before the Senate Judiciary Committee about a Justice Department prosecution."<sup>4</sup> Each of these allegations are alarming. Taken together, they paint a picture that Mr. Bove likely violated laws and Department regulations, and abused his authority while acting as one of the Department's most senior officials.

Mr. Bove's misconduct is not just depicted in news reports, but is documented meticulously by former senior DOJ attorney Erez Reuveni in his June 24, 2025, whistleblower complaint and subsequent supporting documents.<sup>5</sup> On July 25, 2025, another former DOJ attorney courageously came forward to publicly expose Mr. Bove's misconduct.<sup>6</sup> Attorneys for this new whistleblower report that their client "provided substantive, internal DOJ documents" to the Office of the

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<sup>1</sup> Devlin Barrett, *Justice Dept. Leader Suggested Violating Court Orders*, NY Times, June 24, 2025 (available at <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/06/24/us/politics/justice-department-emil-bove-trump-deportations-reuveni.html>).

<sup>2</sup> Jeremy Roebuck, Shayna Jacobs, Mark Berman & Carol D. Leonnig, *Justice officials move to drop Adams case after 7 lawyers refuse, resign in protest*, The Washington Post, Feb. 14, 2025 (available at [www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/2025/02/14/justice-prosecutors-resignation-trump-eric-adams-corruption/](http://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/2025/02/14/justice-prosecutors-resignation-trump-eric-adams-corruption/)).

<sup>3</sup> Danielle Sassoon, *Letter to Attorney General Pamela Jo Bondi re United States v. Eric Adams*, Feb. 12, 2025 (available at [www.nytimes.com/interactive/2025/02/13/us/doc-annotation-letter-to-bondi.html](http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2025/02/13/us/doc-annotation-letter-to-bondi.html)).

<sup>4</sup> Perry Stein & Theodor Meyer, *Whistleblower evidence suggests Trump judicial nominee Emil Bove misled Senate*, July 28, 2025 (available at [www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/2025/07/28/emil-bove-nomination-judge-mislead/](http://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/2025/07/28/emil-bove-nomination-judge-mislead/)).

<sup>5</sup> U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY, *Durbin Releases Documents Corroborating Justice Dept. Whistleblower's Allegations Against Embattled Trump Judicial Pick Emil Bove*, July 10, 2025 (available at [www.judiciary.senate.gov/press/dem/releases/durbin-releases-documents-corroborating-justice-department-whistleblowers-allegations-against-embattled-trump-judicial-pick-emil-bove](http://www.judiciary.senate.gov/press/dem/releases/durbin-releases-documents-corroborating-justice-department-whistleblowers-allegations-against-embattled-trump-judicial-pick-emil-bove)).

<sup>6</sup> *Whistleblower Aid client and former DOJ attorney corroborates the thrust of the allegations against Emil Bove*, July 25, 2025 (available at [www.whistlebloweraid.org/whistleblower-aid-client-and-former-doj-attorney-corroborates-the-thrust-of-the-allegations-against-emil-bove/](http://www.whistlebloweraid.org/whistleblower-aid-client-and-former-doj-attorney-corroborates-the-thrust-of-the-allegations-against-emil-bove/)).

Inspector General on June 13, 2025. These additional documents purportedly confirm the shocking allegations of Mr. Bove's disregard for our judicial system, as already documented by Mr. Reuveni.

As the Senate approaches a final vote this week on Mr. Bove's nomination to serve as United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, it is imperative that Senators exercise their constitutional duty of advice and consent with full knowledge of Mr. Bove's actions. We therefore request that you clarify for Senators whether your office is undertaking any investigations of or related to Mr. Bove. In the event these whistleblower complaints and other reports have not already prompted investigations by your office, we urge you to undertake a thorough review of these disclosures and allegations.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important request.

Sincerely,



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Adam B. Schiff  
United States Senator



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Cory A. Booker  
United States Senator

cc: The Honorable John R. Thune, Majority Leader  
The Honorable Charles E. Schumer, Minority Leader  
The Honorable Charles E. Grassley, Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary  
The Honorable Richard J. Durbin, Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary