

August 3, 2017

The Honorable Jeff Sessions
Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

On July 24, 2017, Imran Awan, a contractor hired to perform information technology (IT) services for several Members of the House of Representatives, was arrested at Washington Dulles International Airport under charges of bank fraud. Awan is accused of defrauding the Congressional Federal Credit Union by obtaining a \$165,000 home equity loan for a rental property he does not own. Those funds were then included as part of a wire transfer to two individuals in Faisalabad, Pakistan.¹

In addition to the charges of bank fraud, Imran Awan, along with several other former individuals employed by the House of Representatives, including his wife, Hina Alvi, are alleged to have defrauded the House of Representatives by using taxpayer funds to purchase technological equipment that are now missing.^{2[2]} We do not know how much Awan and/or Alvi may have profited from the fraudulent sale of this equipment.

Given the alarming amount of funds that were wired to Pakistan, has the Department of Justice utilized the United States Department of Treasury Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) to investigate the financial records of Awan and Alvi to discover evidence of other potential crimes? Have any U.S. financial institutions filed reports of suspicious activity on any bank account held by Awan or his wife? Is the Department of Justice investigating whether any funds generated from the sale of stolen property of the House of Representatives were included as part of the wire transfer to Faisalabad, Pakistan? Finally, will the Department seek a court order freezing the proceeds of any real estate transaction or from the sale of stolen technological equipment?

¹ Heather Caygle and Josh Bresnahan, *Wasserman Schultz Aide Arrested Trying to Leave the Country*, POLITICO, July 25, 2017, <http://www.politico.com/story/2017/07/25/debbie-wasserman-schultz-aide-arrest-240960>.

² Heather Caygle, *House Staffers Under Criminal Investigation Still Employed*, POLITICO, Feb. 6, 2017, <http://www.politico.com/story/2017/02/house-staff-criminal-investigation-234714>.

I hope that we can work together to undo the serious damage done by these individuals while in the employment of the House of Representatives. While we can never tolerate breaches of the public trust, the wire transfer to Pakistan is particularly alarming as Pakistan is home to numerous terrorist organizations. I look forward to your timely response into these matters.

Sincerely,

Ron DeSantis
Member of Congress