

# United States Senate

May 16, 2025

The Honorable Kashyap Patel  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
935 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20535

Dear Director Patel:

I write requesting a review of all Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) actions under in which former Director James Comey was personally involved. While I have long questioned Mr. Comey's motive behind various decisions, his social media post threatening President Trump calls into question every FBI action Comey carried out during his tenure as director.

As you are aware, Mr. Comey recently posted a photo on social media of seashells arranged on a beach that formed the numbers "8647". Mr. Comey admitted that although he thought this was a political statement, he did not intend to call for violence. But in the words of President Trump, "he knew exactly what it meant."

I commend the Secret Service for investigating this threat and appreciate the support the FBI has offered. Mr. Comey has politicized investigations, been at the center of leaks, and obviously shown bias against the Trump administration and supporters. I urge you to review all FBI actions directed by Mr. Comey from September 4, 2013, until May 9, 2017.

I appreciate your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,



Tom Cotton  
United States Senator