

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 12, 2024

The Honorable Merrick Garland
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Attorney General Garland,

I write regarding an act of perjury committed by Kristen Clarke, Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights. I call for Ms. Clarke's immediate termination and removal from office.

During her nomination to her current role, Ms. Clarke was asked if she had "ever been arrested for or accused of committing a violent crime against any person."¹ Ms. Clarke was unequivocal, responding under oath to the Senate Judiciary Committee, "No."² That was a lie.³ Ms. Clarke has now admitted that she was arrested in 2006 for attacking and injuring someone with a knife.⁴ It has also recently come to light that, shortly before the full Senate voted on her nomination, Ms. Clarke and her publicist contacted the man she attacked in an attempt to cover up her false testimony.⁵

Lying to Congress under oath is a felony.⁶

The last time you were before the Senate Judiciary Committee, you said, "The integrity of our legal system is premised on adherence to the rule of law. In order to have confidence in our Department and in our democracy, the American people must be able to trust that we will adhere to the rule of law in everything that we do."⁷ Ms. Clarke does not meet this standard and must be immediately terminated.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Tom Cotton
United States Senator



Lindsey Graham
United States Senator

¹ Sen. Tom Cotton, *Nomination of Kristen M. Clarke to be an Assistant Attorney General of the United States--Questions for the Record*, SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE (April 21, 2021), <https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/Kristen%20Clarke%20Responses%20for%20the%20Record.pdf>.

² *Id.*

³ Mary Margaret Olohan, *EXCLUSIVE: DOJ's Kristen Clarke Testified She Was Never Arrested. Court Records and Text Messages Indicate She Was*, DAILY SIGNAL (April 30, 2024), <https://www.dailysignal.com/2024/04/30/exclusive-doj-kristen-clarke-testified-she-was-never-arrested-court-records-and-text-messages-indicate-she-was/>.

⁴ Victor Nava, *DOJ official Kristen Clarke comes clean after falsely testifying to Senate that she had never been arrested*, NY POST (May 2, 2024), <https://nypost.com/2024/05/02/us-news/doj-official-kristen-clarke-admits-to-falsely-testifying-to-senate-that-she-had-never-been-arrested/>.

⁵ Mary Margaret Olohan, *EXCLUSIVE: DOJ's Kristen Clarke Asked Ex-Husband to Say She Wasn't an Abuser During Confirmation Process, Ex Alleges*, DAILY SIGNAL (May 13, 2024), <https://www.dailysignal.com/2024/05/13/exclusive-doj-kristen-clarke-asked-husband-say-wasnt-abuser-during-confirmation-process-alleges/>.

⁶ 18 U.S.C. § 1621.

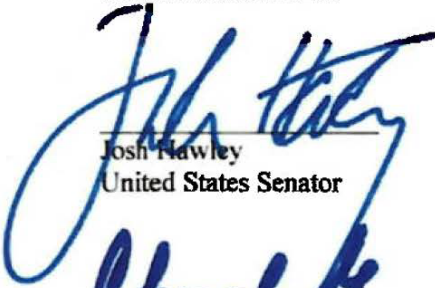
⁷ Merrick Garland, *Statement of Merrick B. Garland*, SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE (March 1, 2023), <https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/2023-03-01%20-%20Testimony%20-%20Garland.pdf>.



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