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"We are saddened by the picture of mismanagement, dissembling, and lack of accountability by some Department of Justice officials that is set forth in the Report by the DOJ Offices of the Inspector General and Professional Responsibility. The report describes our removals as the result of a "fundamentally flawed" process that was "unsystematic and arbitrary," lacking in oversight by either the Attorney General or the Deputy Attorney General.

While not a surprise to any of us, this characterization of our removals reinforces the need to be vigilant in protecting the independence of all United States Attorneys, and to safeguard their ability to make judgment calls based only upon what is just and fair.

As the investigation continues, we reiterate our support of our former offices and the fine work that has been done, and will continue to be done, by the men and women at the Department of Justice and in U.S. Attorney Offices throughout the country."