

Speaker Ryan: Statement on Department of Justice Inspector General report

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WASHINGTON—Following the release of the Department of Justice Inspector General report, House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI) issued this statement:

“The American people expect their most powerful law enforcement agency to act with professionalism and in accordance with established policies designed to guard against its power being used based on political assumptions or bias. The Inspector General report documents how time and again particular senior FBI officials, starting with former Director Comey, made ad hoc, poorly reasoned decisions that were premised in part on an expectation that Secretary Clinton would win the election.

“I agree with the Inspector General’s conclusion that agents’ use of FBI systems and equipment to mix work decisions with blatant political bias injured the ‘heart of the FBI’s reputation for neutral fact-finding and political independence.’ I know that the FBI is home to many dedicated public servants, and Director Wray now has an enormous responsibility to earn back the public’s trust in this institution. One way to win back that trust is to fully cooperate with congressional oversight examining the use of authority and resources provided to the FBI by Congress.”