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Dear MoveOn member,

I've got a bridge to sell to anyone who believes Donald Trump's claim that he fired FBI Director James Comey because Comey wasn't fair to Hillary Clinton.

Trump fired Comey because the FBI was getting closer—by the day—to the truth about Trump's ties to Russia during the 2016 campaign.

Just days before he was fired, Comey had asked for more resources for the investigation.¹ And prosecutors had just issued grand jury subpoenas for associates of former National Security Adviser Michael Flynn.²

Trump is not just a liar (although that's well established). He may also be a traitor. And for the sake of our democracy, we need to know the full truth.

Republicans have, to put it politely, not led the way in doing what's necessary to protect our democracy. **It's up to us to stop this cover-up—which means serious, ongoing grassroots pressure to force Senate Republicans to authorize a nonpartisan, independent investigation.**

MoveOn has launched a powerful campaign to do whatever it takes, for as long as it takes, to get the truth out and hold Trump, his associates, and his enablers accountable—and to make it clear to those Republicans who refuse to do the right thing that their seats and political careers are on the line.

Will you chip in \$5 a month to MoveOn to help stop the Trump cover-up?

[Yes, I'll chip in monthly to fund the nonstop work MoveOn will keep driving forward to demand the truth about Trump.](#)

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The FBI is meant to be an independent agency, one that's beyond partisan politics—which is why its directors are appointed for 10-year terms that span multiple presidents. And presidents are expected to respect this promise of independence.

But Trump, who has barely any knowledge of history and little respect for the Constitution and our nation's democratic values, has fired the FBI director, the person in charge of investigating Trump and his aides.

This is yet another instance of Trump acting like a despot—threatening journalists, judges (even an entire circuit court), and unspecified "enemies;" using his presidency for personal gain; and lying repeatedly to the American people.

As soon as news broke that Trump fired Comey, my friends at MoveOn began working—at lightning speed—to ramp up the pressure on Congress to establish an independent commission to investigate Trump. They launched a petition and a series of rapid-response videos within hours, worked with partners to organize a protest with hundreds of people outside the White House at noon the day after the news broke, and supported members in holding dozens of protests at Senate offices around the country. Their leadership now—and in the weeks and months ahead—is essential.

But let's not kid ourselves. Republicans are refusing to do the right thing, and it's going to take a huge effort to force them to act—or to throw them out of office if they won't.

So the bottom line is this: We need enormous, sustained leadership to expose the truth about Trump. The good news? It's the kind of leadership that MoveOn and its millions of members excel at. **But it will require serious resources. That's why I'm asking you to become a monthly sustainer to MoveOn today.**

[Please, click here now to join me in chipping in \\$5 a month to help MoveOn stop the Trump cover-up.](#)

[Or, if you can't chip in monthly, then click here.](#)

This is *not* business as usual. We have to make our voices heard. **Our democracy is on the line.**

Thanks for all you do.

–Robert Reich

Sources:

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Want to support MoveOn's work? The MoveOn community will work every moment, day by day and year by year, to resist Trump's agenda, contain the damage, defeat hate with love, and begin the process of swinging the nation's pendulum back toward sanity, decency, and the kind of future that we must never give up on. And to do it MoveOn needs your ongoing support, now more than ever. **Will you stand with MoveOn?**

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