



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable James Comey
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Director Comey:

It has come to my attention through media reports that the Federal Bureau of Investigation and The Department of Homeland Security have alerted law enforcement agencies nationwide about an incident that happened in Northern Virginia. The reports indicate that a 17 year old high school student from Osbourn Park High School in Manassas, Virginia, is in federal custody for helping another teenager travel to Syria to join the terrorist group ISIS.

I wanted to ask for a briefing on this situation and any related activities in our area to make sure that those of us who represent the area are doing all we can to support your efforts both at the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Homeland Security. As we have seen with the recent cases in Brooklyn, New York, where the suspect also has ties to Virginia and the three British teenage girls who by way of Turkey allegedly made it into Syria, ISIS and its members have been very successful in recruiting from Western nations.

As a former Justice Department official who served with you after the September 11th attacks, I appreciate your experience and service in dealing with these challenging issues and I look forward to working with you again on these important issues. I appreciate your attention to these challenges and hope we can arrange this briefing as soon as possible. I will also be reaching out to my colleagues in the area to make sure we are all working together on this important national security issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Barbara Comstock".

Congresswoman Barbara Comstock