

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

November 18, 2019

The Honorable Christopher A. Wray
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)
935 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 7240
Washington, DC 20535-0001

Dear Director Wray:

We are writing to request that the FBI grant local entities permission to publicly disclose the 9-1-1 phone call recordings that are affiliated with the Bijan Ghaisar case. Congressman Beyer first made this request in a March 26, 2018 letter. This is a follow-up request.

Given that the Department of Justice review of the case is concluded, there should be no impediment to its disclosure now. As you know, we found the two-year period it took to resolve the case unacceptable and remain concerned with the result. The long delays in completing the DOJ investigation only served to stoke mistrust between law enforcement and the communities they serve. We firmly believe that investigations involving the use of deadly force should be handled in a timely manner that reinforces public confidence in law enforcement. Releasing these recordings would be an important element of rebuilding trust.

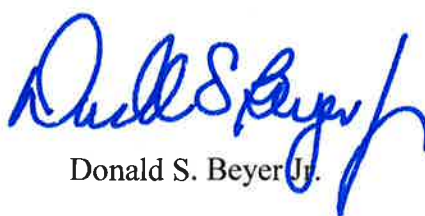
The people of the National Capital Region demand high transparency and accountability standards from their local government and law enforcement entities. We ask that you allow the local entities to publicly release the 9-1-1 records affiliated with the Ghaisar case.

Please respond in writing no later than December 5, 2019.

Sincerely,



Eleanor Holmes Norton



Donald S. Beyer Jr.



Jennifer Wexton