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The Honorable Miguel Cardona  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Education  
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Secretary Cardona:

In September of last year, the National School Board Association (NSBA) sent a letter to President Biden asking the Department of Justice to investigate parents and label them as domestic terrorists.<sup>1</sup> The letter suggested the use of the Patriot Act to target parents who show up to school board meetings. Less than a week later, Attorney General Garland sent a memo asking the FBI and U.S. Attorneys to do just that--use the power of the Federal government to intimidate and harass parents.<sup>2</sup> Attorney General Garland told the Senate that he based his memo on the NSBA letter.

Emails obtained through a FOIA request by *Parents Defending Education* show that you requested the letter sent by NSBA. The email stated, "...he was writing a letter to provide information to the White House, from a request by Secretary Cordona."<sup>3</sup> This exchange shows a coordinated and premeditated attack on parents' rights by the Biden Administration.

Parents deserve immediate answers to the following questions:

1. Did you speak to anyone at the NSBA about the September 29 letter before it was sent?
2. If so, when did you first inquire about NSBA sending a letter to President Biden and whom did you speak with?
3. Do you believe that concerned parents at school board meetings should be investigated by the FBI and labeled domestic terrorists?

We anticipate answers to these questions by Friday, January 14, 2022.

Sincerely,



Mary E. Miller

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<sup>1</sup> <https://defendinged.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Letter.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <https://defendinged.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Memo.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <https://defendinged.org/press-releases/new-foia-document-asserts-nsba-letter-was-drafted-at-request-of-education-secretary/>