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**STATEMENT ON THE PUBLIC REVIEW OF SPECIAL COUNSEL MUELLER'S REPORT
FROM ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL KWAME RAOUL AND NEVADA ATTORNEY GENERAL AARON
FORD**

Now that Attorney General Barr has had an opportunity to review Special Counsel Mueller's report and issue a summary of its findings, Illinois Attorney General Raoul and Nevada Attorney General Ford urge the Department of Justice to give all Americans that same opportunity. As our states' chief legal officers, we are confident that the public's vital interest in transparency can be responsibly balanced with any legitimate concerns the Attorney General may have regarding the integrity of grand jury testimony, national security, or other ongoing proceedings.

We therefore call upon Attorney General Barr to release Special Counsel Mueller's report to the full extent allowed by law. The first step in that process should be for Special Counsel Mueller to testify before bipartisan members of Congress on whether any redactions are required under federal grand jury rules, followed by immediate disclosure of the report (subject to Mr. Mueller's independent review) to that same bipartisan group for a neutral analysis of any additional justifications the Department wishes to offer for withholding information from the public. After nearly two years of investigations, indictments, and trials, it is time for the American people to see the report and make their own judgments about the facts. We have every expectation that this can be accomplished within the law.