TIMING TELLS the real story. Consider the facts. President Trump waited weeks after learning that General Michael Flynn, his national security adviser, was compromised and a threat to national security before ousting him. And yet the president was in an unexplainable rush on Tuesday to fire FBI director James Comey, referencing old news that, ironically, didn’t previously trouble him, and knowing that Comey was the person heading the investigation of the Trump team — a probe that just issued subpoenas.

The issue is not whether director Comey was, as Trump said, “doing a bad job.” And the issue should not now become one of whether the person to replace Comey is well-respected. The issue is entirely about the rule of law and whether our nation can ever have confidence in and trust the current president of the United States and Justice Department following such an outrageous move. Let us hope that our nation’s system of checks and balances will resolve this crisis.

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