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*Witness Testifies that CFPB Director Contacted Her "At Night and Told Me That I Have to Tell My Attorneys to Back Down"*

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**WASHINGTON-** A whistleblower testifying at today's Financial Services Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee hearing on allegations of discrimination and retaliation within the CFPB said CFBP Director Richard Cordray "told me that I have to tell my attorneys to back down."

The whistleblower – CFPB attorney Angela Martin – provided the information about Director Cordray's involvement in response to a question posed by Chairman Jeb Hensarling (R-TX).

A transcript of the question and answer is below:

**Chairman Hensarling:** Ms. Martin, because we do not have a commission [overseeing the CFPB], we have one director -- did Director Cordray ever contact you personally with respect to your complaint?

**Ms. Martin:** Yes, Sir. Like many of the early arrivals in Enforcement [division at CFPB], because we were so small, we have an ability to speak to the director and approach him. He is very approachable and kind.  
 Hensarling: When he contacted you, was this with respect to your formal EEO complaint?

**Martin:** Yes, sir. On August 7, Director Cordray called me at night and told me that I have to tell my attorneys to back down.

**Hensarling:** I'm sorry, Ms. Martin, you are saying that Director Cordray personally reached out to you and asked or told you to have your attorneys back down?

**Martin:** Yes, sir. August 7 at 8:54 in a two minute conversation he told me to tell my attorneys to back down because he was trying to secure me a position in Enforcement. My reporting structure was the last thing to be settled and I settled it the next morning and everything was fine and I was coming back to work. We actually signed the settlement agreement on August 14. But what I did not know was on August 8, after I thought it was settled, Directory Cordray and somebody else gave that position to somebody else and that is what the fight is about now currently with the Bureau that I don't have a position. But yes, he told me that.

**Hensarling:** We will fight not to let you and the other employees down.

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