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The Honorable Ron Johnson
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Senate Committee on Homeland Security
and Governmental Affairs
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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Chairman
Senate Committee on Finance
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Chairmen Johnson and Grassley,

We reiterate our request for a briefing for Members of our Committees from the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Foreign Influence Task Force and relevant Intelligence Community members related to your ongoing investigation. Two weeks ago, the *Washington Post* reported that "a Ukrainian lawmaker who was once affiliated with a pro-Russian political party and has met with [Rudy] Giuliani released 10 edited snippets of what appeared to be [Joe] Biden's official vice presidential phone calls in 2016 with Petro Poroshenko." The *Post* reported that this lawmaker "studied under the KGB in Moscow in the early 1990s" and that these efforts "suggest a new push by foreign forces to sway American voters in the run-up to the 2020 election."¹

Our staff requested this briefing in December 2019. Ranking Member Peters then requested a Member briefing after a classified staff briefing led to the cancellation of a Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (HSGAC) vote to subpoena Andrii Telizhenko. Ranking Member Peters then made a motion asking for this briefing at the HSGAC May 20, 2020, business meeting before a vote authorizing a subpoena for some of the same information Chairman Johnson first sought from the canceled Telizhenko subpoena vote.

As Committees charged with safeguarding our homeland security and financial systems, we have a responsibility to fully understand the national security and counterintelligence implications of foreign election interference and your ongoing investigative work. We ask that you please formally request, schedule, and prioritize this briefing for the Members of our Committees as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Gary C. Peters
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Homeland Security
and Governmental Affairs



Ron Wyden
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Finance

¹ Paul Sonne et al., *Hunt for Biden tapes in Ukraine by Trump allies revives prospect of foreign interference*, THE WASHINGTON POST (July 1, 2020), https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/for-months-trump-allies-hunted-for-tapes-of-biden-in-ukraine-now-theyre-turning-up/2020/06/30/f3acaba8-a67b-11ea-8681-7d471bf20207_story.html.