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The Honorable Ron Johnson
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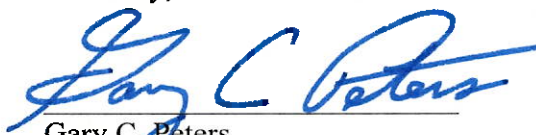
Dear Chairman Johnson:

On February 24, 2020, you notified me of your intent to issue a subpoena to Andrii Telizhenko for attendance and the production of records.¹

I warned when this investigation began that “[w]e should not facilitate foreign interference in our 2020 election.”² I remain concerned that the United States Senate and this Committee could be used to further disinformation efforts by Russian or other actors. Because these efforts pose a threat to our national security, I have asked for the Committee to receive defensive briefings – specifically regarding Mr. Telizhenko – from relevant intelligence community and law enforcement officials, to ensure the Senate is not used to advance any disinformation campaigns.

Given the significant national security concerns related to this request, it should be subject to a Committee vote. Pursuant to Rule 5(C) of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, I disapprove of the issuance of the subpoena.

Sincerely,



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

¹Letter from Sen. Ron Johnson, Chairman, S. Comm. on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs to Sen. Gary C. Peters, Ranking Member, S. Comm. on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (February 24, 2020).

²Letter from Sen. Gary C. Peters, Ranking Member, S. Comm. on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, Sen. Diane Feinstein, Ranking Member, S. Comm. on the Judiciary, and Sen. Ron Wyden, Ranking Member, S. Comm. on Finance to Sen. Ron Johnson, Chairman, S. Comm. on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, Sen. Lindsey Graham, Chairman, S. Comm. on the Judiciary, and Sen. Charles Grassley, Chairman, S. Comm. on Finance (December 17, 2019).