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COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6275

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### **VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION**

Christian Becker  
Kasowitz Benson Torres LLP  
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Dear Mr. Becker:

We are writing to confirm that adequate steps are being taken to preserve records, and with a request for documents regarding any attempts or interest in obtaining information about presidential candidate Hillary Clinton from Russian government and affiliated sources, including through a June 2016 meeting between Donald Trump, Jr., Jared Kushner, Paul Manafort, and Natalia Veselnitskaya.

We expect that the Trump campaign<sup>1</sup> has already taken care to preserve relevant documents<sup>2</sup> in light of investigations into Russian interference being conducted by Congress and federal law enforcement and counterintelligence agencies. We ask that you confirm by August 2, 2017, that this has been done, and describe the scope of documents that are being preserved.

If this has not yet been done, we ask that you immediately take steps to preserve all relevant documents in the possession, custody, or control of the Trump Campaign related to Russian interference in the 2016 election, including documents related to the Trump campaign's contacts with: Russian government officials, associates, or representatives; any individuals who purported to act or whom were believed to be acting on behalf of Russian government officials, associates, or representatives; anyone who might have been involved in or in receipt of information obtained as a result of Russia's influence campaign.

We also ask that you begin producing the following documents to the Committee by no later than August 2, 2017:

1. all documents related to the June 9, 2016 meeting or any other meeting or effort to arrange a meeting with Natalia Veselnitskaya or Rinat Akhmetshin, including all

<sup>1</sup> "Trump campaign" means Donald J. Trump for President, Inc. and any related Trump campaign entities and all of its present and former directors, officers, employees, agents, consultants, advisors, associates, or other persons acting for or on behalf of them.

<sup>2</sup> "Documents" include any written, recorded, or graphic material of any kind, including letters, memoranda, reports, notes, electronic data (emails, email attachments, and any other electronically-created or stored information), calendar entries, inter-office communications, meeting minutes, phone/voice mail or recordings/records of verbal communications, and drafts (whether or not they resulted in final documents).

documents provided during the meeting and all documents relating to scheduling, what happened during the meeting(s), and any related actions taken after the meeting(s);

2. all communications to, from, or copied to the Trump campaign relating to Rob Goldstone, Emin Agalarov, Aras Agalarov, Natalia Veselnitskaya, Rinat Akhmetshin, Anatoli Samochornov, Irakly (Ike) Kaveladze, Christopher Steele, Aleksej Gubarev, Webzilla B.V., XBT Holdings S.A., Alfa Group, Dmitry Peskov, Vladimir Putin, the Ritz Carlton Moscow Hotel, Paul Manafort, Carter Page, Igor Sechin, Sergei Ivanov, Igor Divyekin, Sergei Millian, Dmitry Medvedev, Michael Flynn, Jill Stein, Michael Cohen, Konstantin Kosachev, Viktor Yanukovych, Corey Lewandowski, Sergei Kislyak, Yuri Ushakov, Anton Vaino, Mikhail Kalugin, Andrei Bondarev, Mikhail Fridman, Petr Aven, German Khan, Oleg Govorun, Sergey Lavrov, Rosneft, Sergei Kiriyenko, Oleg Solodukhin. This shall include any documents referring to any of the aforementioned using alternate spellings, pseudonyms, nicknames, abbreviations, or codes;
3. all documents relating to any attempts or actions taken by the Trump Campaign to obtain information during the 2016 presidential campaign about Hillary Clinton from: Russian government officials, associates, or representatives; any individuals who purported to act or whom were believed to be acting on behalf of Russian government officials, associates, or representatives; or anyone who might have been involved in or in receipt of information obtained as a result of Russia's influence campaign;
4. all documents relating to any attempts or actions taken by the Trump campaign to coordinate, encourage, gain, release, or otherwise use information related to Russia's influence campaign aimed at the US 2016 presidential election.

We appreciate your prompt attention to this important matter. If you have any questions, please contact Patrick Davis of Chairman Grassley's staff at (202) 224-5225 or Heather Sawyer of Ranking Member Feinstein's staff at (202) 224-7703.

Sincerely,

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