



Nancy Pelosi
Democratic Leader

December 21, 2017

The Honorable Paul D. Ryan
Speaker of the House of Representatives
H-232, United States Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

As Members of Congress, we take a solemn oath to support and defend the Constitution, and protect the American people.

On January 6, 2017, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence assessed that Russia interfered in the 2016 election and will do so again in the future. Democrats are deeply concerned by the Majority's efforts to curtail the House Intelligence Committee investigation and its overall failure to address Russia's meddling in the 2016 election.

The American people deserve a comprehensive and fair investigation into Russia's attacks. Political haste must not cut short valid investigatory threads. Key questions about foreign interference in our elections remain, and must be thoroughly investigated.

Nothing less than America's democracy and national security are at stake, and therefore we must fully investigate Russia's assault on our election systems to prevent future foreign attacks. We expect that you will take urgent action to ensure this investigation can continue, and justice can be pursued, unhindered.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nancy Pelosi".

NANCY PELOSI
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