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The Honorable Ron Wyden  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Wyden:

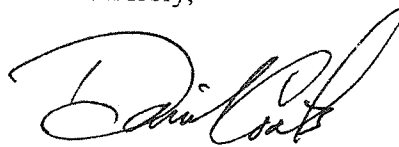
This letter is in response to our exchange last week during the closed session of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) hearing on Annual Worldwide Threats, in which you asked for an unclassified response to your previous requests regarding China's involvement in monitoring or influencing the 2018 U.S. election. My office provided you a classified response on October 31, 2018 and we have released multiple statements to the public referencing China and others. The Intelligence Community (IC) has clearly and repeatedly stated that China was one of the countries that attempted to influence the 2018 U.S. elections.

As early as August, during a press conference, I stated that Russia was not the only country that had an interest in trying to influence our domestic political environment and that we knew others had the capability and may be considering influence activities. On October 19, 2018 and again on November 5, 2018 my office, in conjunction with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, and Department of Homeland Security, released public statements detailing ongoing campaigns by Russia, China, and other foreign actors, including Iran, to influence public sentiment and government policies and undermine confidence in democratic institutions.

As noted in my oral testimony before the committee, the IC has dedicated considerable resources and attention to election security, and the whole-of-government efforts to protect the integrity of the 2018 mid-term elections were successful. The IC is now focused on incorporating lessons learned and getting ahead of our adversaries, who will undoubtedly be adjusting and refining their tactics. We look forward to continuing to work with our interagency partners and the Congress as we posture the IC to protect the integrity of the 2020 elections.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Ben Fallon, Assistant DNI for Legislative Affairs, at (703) 275-2474.

Sincerely,



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