

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 6, 2019

The Honorable Daniel Coats
Director of National Intelligence
Washington, D.C. 20511

Dear Director Coats:

Thank you for your letter of February 8, 2019, responding to our inquiries about the President's statements regarding China and U.S. elections. As you noted, you had previously provided a classified response on October 31, 2018. We request that that letter be declassified.

The October 31, 2018, letter includes important information about the 2018 elections, as well as the 2016 elections, which your February 8, 2019, letter did not address.

There may be no intelligence issue in which the public interest is stronger than foreign influence with regard to U.S. elections. It is critically important that the American people understand which specific activities each of our adversaries have or have not undertaken, and to what degree. The public's capacity to recognize foreign influence efforts and the ability of elected officials to develop effective policy responses depend on this level of transparency.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

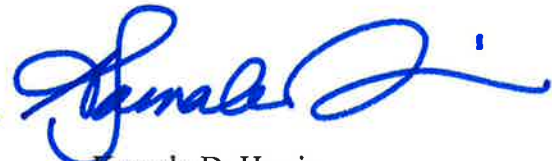
Sincerely,



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United States Senator



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United States Senator