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

Dear Director Coats:

We write to ask for additional information on the recent public statement from President Trump related to China and the 2018 U.S. elections, and whether the statement aligns with the Intelligence Community's assessments of Beijing's intentions, plans and activities.

On September 26, 2018, at the U.N. Security Council, President Trump stated, "Regrettably, we found that China has been attempting to interfere in our upcoming 2018 election – coming up in November – against my administration." The President added later, "We have evidence."

We request that you state publicly whether the President's statement is consistent with the assessments of the Intelligence Community. We further request that you release as much relevant detail and supporting intelligence as possible. To the extent that intelligence sources and methods must remain classified, we request that this information be provided to Congress.

We would appreciate an answer to this request by October 8, 2018, so that the public and members of Congress have the information in advance of the election. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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