

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Michael Pompeo
Secretary
United States Department of State
2201 C St. NW
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Secretary Pompeo:

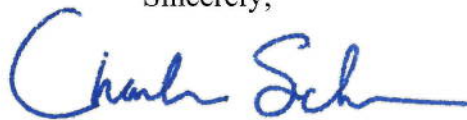
I write regarding your trip to Russia where you will reportedly be meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

In recent weeks, the American people have heard yet again that Vladimir Putin directed a “sweeping and systematic” attack on our democracy. Special Counsel Mueller’s report documented an insidious disinformation campaign against the wellspring of our democracy — our elections.

Even more recently, FBI Director Christopher Wray told the American people that the Russian efforts in the 2018 elections were just a dress rehearsal for 2020 and that we should be prepared for another active measures campaign to attack our election systems. Director Wray’s remarks should send a chill down all of our spines.

During your meeting with Vladimir Putin, it is critical that you warn him that any action to interfere in our elections will be met with an immediate and robust response. President Trump’s approach to dealing with President Putin, especially on this vital issue, must change. I urge you to make absolutely clear to President Putin that interference in U.S. elections will not be tolerated.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator