## Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

June 1, 2017

The Honorable Don McGahn Counsel to the President The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. McGahn:

Multiple press stories<sup>1,2</sup> sourced to senior Administration and law enforcement officials report that Jared Kushner, a senior adviser and son-in-law to the president, is a subject of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) ongoing probe into possible collusion between Russian officials and the Trump campaign.

According to the reports, Mr. Kushner, along with former National Security Adviser Michael Flynn, met with Russian Ambassador Sergey Kislyak to discuss options for establishing a secret line of communication directly between the Trump transition team and the Kremlin. Not only was the purpose of the meeting concealed from the public, the meeting itself was omitted from both Mr. Kushner's and Mr. Flynn's FBI security clearance questionnaires. The Standard Form-86 (SF-86), mandatory for obtaining a security clearance, requires the disclosure of all foreign contacts. Knowingly falsifying or concealing information on a SF-86 questionnaire is a felony, punishable by up to five years in prison. <sup>3</sup>

Given the severity of these allegations and prior revelations that Mr. Kushner omitted this meeting and dozens of other foreign contacts from his SF-86, we are requesting that the White House immediately revoke Mr. Kushner's clearance pending the conclusion of the investigation.

Serious questions have previously been raised<sup>5</sup> about Mr. Kushner's omitted meetings with Russian officials, meetings which occurred during a time when US intelligence delivered its assessment<sup>6,7</sup> that the Russian government attempted to interfere in US elections. Subsequent news reports now tell the story of clandestine calls and meetings between Mr. Kushner and Russian officials during the campaign and transition, attempts to conceal those meetings from US intelligence and law enforcement, and Mr. Kushner's subsequent support for attempts to obstruct the investigation of Trump-Russia contacts, including his own. While the various congressional and law enforcement investigations continue, the White House should take all possible steps to protect national security including immediately revoking Mr. Kushner's security clearance.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/jared-kushner-now-a-focus-in-russia-investigation/2017/05/25/f078db74-40c7-11e7-8c25-44d09ff5a4a8 story.html?hpid=hp hp-top-table-main kushner-645pm%3Ahomepage%2Fstory&utm term=.ebd856c97437

https://www.nytimes.com/2017/05/29/us/politics/jared-kushner-russia-investigation.html

https://www.opm.gov/forms/pdf\_fill/sf86-non508.pdf

<sup>4</sup> https://www.nytimes.com/2017/04/06/us/politics/jared-kushner-russians-security-clearance.html

<sup>5</sup> https://beyer.house.gov/uploadedfiles/kushner letter.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> <a href="https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/obama-orders-review-of-russian-hacking-during-presidential-campaign/2016/12/09/31d6b300-be2a-11e6-94ac-3d324840106c story.html?hpid=hp hp-top-table-main russiahack-745p%3Ahomepage%2Fstory&tid=a inl&utm term=.b5901f50c0be

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/clinton-blames-putins-personal-grudge-against-her-for-election-interference/2016/12/16/12f36250-c3be-11e6-8422-eac61c0ef74d story.html

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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