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Dear Directors Comey and Phalen:


We are concerned about a story reported by *The New York Times* on April 6, 2017, alleging Jared Kushner, a senior advisor and son-in-law to the president, failed to disclose key meetings with foreign government officials during his application process for top-secret clearance. According to the report, Mr. Kushner omitted dozens of contacts with foreign leaders from his Standard Form-86 (SF-86), including with Russian ambassador Sergey Kislyak and Sergey Gorkov, a prominent Russian banker and a graduate of the Academy of [the] Federal Security Service of Russia (FSB).

Lack of candor, particularly regarding contacts with Russian officials, was a significant issue for the Trump Transition. The president fired his National Security Advisor, General Michael Flynn, for lying about foreign contacts. Attorney General Jeff Sessions recused himself from matters related to the campaign and transition after he misled the Senate Judiciary Committee about contacts with Ambassador Kislyak during his confirmation hearing. We are concerned that Jared Kushner may have engaged in similar deception.

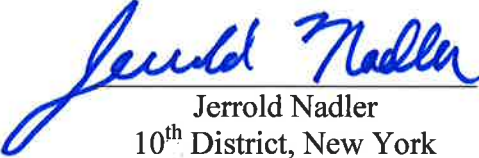
Knowingly falsifying or concealing information on a SF-86 questionnaire is a felony, punishable by up to five years in prison. Given the severity of the allegations and still unanswered questions about this administration's recently uncovered covert dealings with Russian government and intelligence officials, we are requesting that Mr. Kushner's interim top-secret security clearance be suspended pending a review of Mr. Kushner's compliance with the laws and regulation governing security clearances. Additionally, we are requesting Mr. Kushner immediately make public all meetings he had with foreign government officials between June 16, 2015, the date Mr. Trump announced his candidacy for president of the United States, and January 20, 2017, the date the president was sworn in.


Sincerely,


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