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## **Senators Richard Burr and Mark Warner Receive The Carl Levin Award for Effective Oversight**

**Award recognizes their bipartisan, fact-based investigation  
into Russian interference in 2016 election.**



The Levin Center at Wayne Law announced today that it has named North Carolina Republican Senator Richard Burr and Virginia Democratic Senator Mark Warner as recipients of the second annual Carl Levin Award for Effective Oversight. The award is being given to the two senators for their roles as Chairman and Vice Chairman, respectively, of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, in conducting the committee's bipartisan, fact-based investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election.

The Carl Levin Award is given by the Levin Center at Wayne State University Law School to one or more legislators at the federal, state, or local level who have led or played a central role in conducting

an oversight investigation on a bipartisan basis with a dedication to fact-finding. A candidate must have provided recognized and significant leadership in finding the facts and doing so on a bipartisan basis while exhibiting a high degree of integrity and a commitment to legislative comity and civility.

“Through their leadership, Senators Burr and Warner have demonstrated a commitment to the principles of effective oversight that are foundational to the Levin Center and this award,” former Senator and Chair of the Center, Carl Levin, said. “As Chairman and Vice Chairman, they have taken on a matter of fundamental importance to our democracy and issued a clearly written, straight-forward, fact-based report that received broad, bipartisan approval by the Senate Intelligence Committee. That is a noteworthy accomplishment under any circumstances, but it is particularly noteworthy in this deeply partisan era.”

Levin added, “There is no subject more important to this country than the fairness and honesty of our elections, and no greater danger to our elections than to have any foreign country exerting influence on the outcome of our elections. The Senate Intelligence Committee’s report clearly spells out the efforts made by the Russian hierarchy to skew the outcome of the 2016 election and raises a needed alarm that similar efforts are still underway. That Senators Burr and Warner were able to achieve unanimous approval of the two volumes of the report issued thus far (with one minority view on Volume 1) which is exactly what our founding fathers had hoped for from Congress.” The relevant committee reports can be found at: <https://www.intelligence.senate.gov/publications/report-select-committee-intelligence-united-states-senate-russian-active-measures>

Senator Burr was first elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1994. In 2004 he was elected to the U.S. Senate. He became Chairman of the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence in 2015. Senator Warner was elected to the U.S. Senate in November 2008. He became Vice Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence in 2017.

The award for 2019 was presented to the two senators on Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, in Senator Burr's office by Levin Center Director, Jim Townsend, and Levin Center Advisory Board Member, Eleanor Hill.

The 2018 recipient of the Carl Levin Award for Effective Oversight was Weston Newton, Republican Chairman of the South Carolina House of Representatives Legislative Oversight Committee. You can find more information about Mr. Newton and his award here: <https://law.wayne.edu/levin-center/oversightaward-2018>.

The [Levin Center at Wayne Law](https://law.wayne.edu/levin-center) was established in 2015 in honor of Carl Levin's 36 years of public service in the U.S. Senate, in particular his commitment to fact-based, bipartisan, in-depth oversight investigations. A major effort of the Center is promoting such oversight by legislatures at the federal, state, local and international levels. The Center is overseen by a bipartisan board of national and Michigan political, legal, and business leaders, including former U.S. Sens. Tom A. Coburn, M.D.; Tom Daschle; Jay Rockefeller; and Olympia J. Snowe. The center is located in Levin's hometown of Detroit at Wayne State University Law School. In addition to its focus on oversight, the center sponsors other activities to promote sound legislative process, good governance and civil discourse, and to ensure public and private institutions operate with integrity, transparency and accountability.

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<https://www.intelligence.senate.gov>

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