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Eleven Congressional Centers Urge Senate Intelligence Committee to Make Public Reports of Foreign Interference in 2020 Election

**Laud Committee's Bipartisan, Unanimous Report
Warning of Ongoing Russian Interference**

A bipartisan group of congressional centers honoring former Members of Congress sent a [letter](#) today to Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Acting Chair Marco Rubio (R-FL) and Vice Chair Mark Warner (D-VA) urging them to inform the public “as soon as possible” if foreign influence in the 2020 election is detected. An early alert to the public is one of the recommendations contained in the committee’s unanimous, bipartisan report on Russian interference in the 2016 election released last year. The report said: “Delaying the release of information allows inaccurate narratives to spread, which makes the task of informing the public significantly harder. Mechanisms for issuing public warnings related to threats to elections should be put in place to allow for any warning to be made in a timely and non-partisan manner.”

The Intelligence Committee found in its investigation that Russian efforts to affect U.S. elections and disrupt the country have not stopped. “Since January 2017, the Committee has discovered additional examples of Russia's attempt to sow discord, undermine democratic institutions, and interfere in U.S. elections.” (Volume 4, Page 50 of the SSCI report.)

The Centers also, in applauding the Intelligence Committee’s investigation into Russian interference, noted that the Committee’s “unanimously adopted reports, which are well-documented and fact-based, address a matter of fundamental importance to the continuation of a healthy and viable democracy in the United States: the possible corruption of our electoral system by foreign entities.”

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The eleven centers, established to honor the legacy of former Senators and Representatives whose distinguished service in Congress represents 284 years, are devoted to strengthening U.S. democracy and promoting an informed electorate. Signers of the letter are:

The Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center
The Howard H. Baker Jr. Center
The John Brademas Center of New York University
The John C. Culver Public Policy Center at Simpson College
The Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate
The Levin Center at Wayne State University Law School
The Lugar Center
The McCain Institute
The Paul Simon Public Policy Institute
Marquette University Les Aspin Center for Government
The Harkin Institute for Public Policy and Citizen Engagement

A copy of the letter is attached.

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