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The Honorable Avril Haines
Director
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We are writing to express our deep concern regarding the ongoing threat of foreign influence in U.S. elections. Recent briefings from your respective agencies, particularly the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), have outlined the evolving threat posed by foreign actors—especially Russia, China, and Iran—who seek to undermine our democratic institutions and manipulate the election process.

As you know, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine recently revealed that a series of bomb threats targeting the town of Springfield, Ohio, were “hoaxes.” Many of these threats originated from overseas. Though the bomb threats might not have been real, there has been a real impact on Ohio communities. These bomb threats have caused closures, evacuations of municipal buildings as well as schools. This placed additional strain on police and social services already overburdened by the community’s influx of Haitian migrants.

The purpose of these hoaxes is clear: our foreign adversaries aim to stoke the flames of division. With a presidential election just weeks away, we must take decisive action to prevent foreign misinformation from influencing Americans at the ballot-box.

It is our hope that your agencies can provide Congress with a comprehensive briefing to assess who is responsible for these hoaxes, and to better understand the resources needed to detect and counter foreign influence.

Their efforts are clearly designed to sow discord among the American public, influence voter behavior, and erode trust in the integrity of our elections. We would like to emphasize the importance of continued coordination between the Intelligence Community, the Department of Homeland Security, and the FBI to monitor and disrupt these influence operations. As Election Day draws near, we also urge your agencies to maintain transparent communication with state and local election officials, Congress, and the American people.

It is critical that we remain vigilant to ensure that the 2024 elections reflect the true will of the American people, free from foreign interference or manipulation.

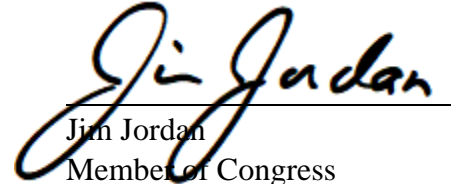
Additionally, we request that your agencies provide our offices, the Committee on House Administration, and the House Judiciary Committee with weekly updates until the 2024 election regarding actions being taken to identify and counter these threats. This includes information on which foreign nations are identified in connection with the hoaxes, as well as measures taken to combat targeted social media operations, cyber

espionage activities, and threats of physical harm. The American people and Congress deserve to know which of our foreign adversaries are intentionally spreading misinformation to elicit fear and confusion. We stand ready to assist you in any way possible as we work to ensure the security and integrity of the 2024 elections.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress




Jim Jordan
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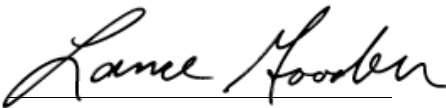
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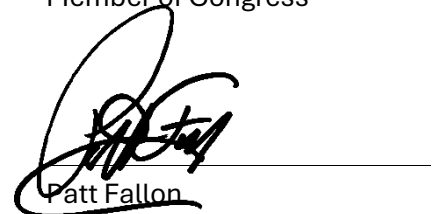
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