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Establishing a Joint Committee on Russian Interference in the 2016 Election
and the Presidential Transition.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LANGEVIN submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was
referred to the Committee on Rules

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Establishing a Joint Committee on Russian Interference in
the 2016 Election and the Presidential Transition.

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring),*

3 **SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT.**

4 There is hereby established in Congress a Joint Com-
5 mittee on Russian Interference in the 2016 Election and
6 the Presidential Transition (hereafter in this resolution re-
7 ferred to as the “Joint Committee”).

8 **SEC. 2. COMPOSITION.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Joint Committee shall consist
10 of 16 Members appointed as follows:

1 (1) The Speaker of the House of Representa-
 2 tives shall appoint 8 Members of the House to serve
 3 on the Joint Committee, of whom—

4 (A) 4 shall be Members of the majority
 5 party of the House; and

6 (B) 4 shall be Members of the minority
 7 party of the House appointed after consultation
 8 with the Minority Leader of the House.

9 (2) The Majority Leader of the Senate shall ap-
 10 point 8 Senators to serve on the Joint Committee,
 11 of whom—

12 (A) 4 shall be Senators of the majority
 13 party of the Senate; and

14 (B) 4 shall be Senators of the minority
 15 party of the Senate appointed after consultation
 16 with the Minority Leader of the Senate.

17 (b) LEADERSHIP.—

18 (1) CO-CHAIRS.—The Speaker of the House of
 19 Representatives shall designate one Member of the
 20 Joint Committee who is a Member of the House to
 21 serve as one of the co-chairs of the Joint Committee,
 22 and the Majority Leader of the Senate shall des-
 23 ignate one Member of the Joint Committee who is
 24 a Senator to serve as the other co-chair of the Joint
 25 Committee.

1 (2) CO-VICE CHAIRS.—The Minority Leader of
 2 the House of Representatives shall designate one
 3 Member of the Joint Committee who is a Member of
 4 the House to serve as one of the co-vice chairs of the
 5 Joint Committee, and the Minority Leader of the
 6 Senate shall designate one Member of the Joint
 7 Committee who is a Senator to serve as the other
 8 co-vice chair of the Joint Committee.

9 (c) VACANCIES.—A vacancy in the Joint Committee
 10 shall not affect the power of the remaining Members to
 11 execute the functions of the Joint Committee, and shall
 12 be filled in the same manner as the original selection.

13 **SEC. 3. DUTIES.**

14 (a) STUDY AND REVIEW.—The Joint Committee
 15 shall conduct a full study and review of the following
 16 issues:

17 (1) Attempts to influence elections for Federal
 18 office held in 2016 elections including, but not lim-
 19 ited to, the general and primary elections for the of-
 20 fice of President and the general and primary elec-
 21 tions for the office of Representative in, or Delegate
 22 or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress, as de-
 23 scribed in the October 7, 2016, Joint Statement
 24 from the Department of Homeland Security and Of-

1 fice of the Director of National Intelligence on Elec-
2 tion Security.

3 (2) Related attempts to undermine trust in
4 United States electoral processes.

5 (3) The attribution of such attempts.

6 (4) All policies, decisions, and activities taken
7 by the executive branch to respond to such attempts.

8 (5) Cybersecurity breaches tied to attempts to
9 influence election outcomes or faith in the electoral
10 system.

11 (6) Additional cybersecurity threats and
12 vulnerabilities that may contribute to future infor-
13 mation warfare operations against the United
14 States.

15 (7) Recommendations for improving resilience
16 against future information warfare operations.

17 (8) Recommendations for improving the cyber-
18 security of electoral functions.

19 (9) Contacts between foreign nationals and can-
20 didates running in the 2016 elections (or their cam-
21 paign staff) which occurred during the campaign for
22 those elections.

23 (10) Contacts between foreign nationals and of-
24 ficials who were elected to office in the 2016 elec-

1 tions (or their staff) which occurred after the elec-
2 tion but before such officials took office.

3 (11) Any other relevant issues relating to the
4 election influence operations, response to such oper-
5 ations, or the investigation by Congress into such
6 operations.

7 (b) REPORT OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDA-
8 TIONS.—

9 (1) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 days
10 after the date of the adoption of this resolution, the
11 Joint Committee shall submit to Congress a final re-
12 port on the investigation and study conducted under
13 subsection (a) and its findings and recommendations
14 relating to the issues described in such subsection.

15 (2) STANDARD FOR FINDINGS AND REC-
16 OMMENDATIONS.—The Joint Committee may not
17 make any finding or recommendation for purposes of
18 paragraph (1) except upon the majority vote of the
19 Members from each House, respectively.

20 (3) INTERIM REPORTS.—In addition to the final
21 report submitted under paragraph (1), the Joint
22 Committee may submit to Congress interim reports
23 on the investigation and study conducted under sub-
24 section (a) prior to the submission of such final re-
25 port.

1 (4) CLASSIFIED ANNEX.—Any report submitted
2 under this subsection shall be issued in unclassified
3 form but may include a classified annex.

4 **SEC. 4. RULES AND PROCEDURES.**

5 In carrying out its duties under this resolution, the
6 Joint Committee is authorized to—

7 (1) hold such hearings, to sit and act at such
8 places and times within the United States during the
9 sessions, recesses, and adjourned periods of Con-
10 gress;

11 (2) require the attendance of such witnesses
12 and the production of such books, papers, and docu-
13 ments, administer such oaths, take such testimony,
14 procure such printing and binding as it deems nec-
15 essary; and

16 (3) make such rules respecting its organization
17 and procedures as it deems necessary.

18 **SEC. 5. STAFF; FUNDING.**

19 (a) STAFF.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—The co-chairs of the Joint
21 Committee, upon consultation with the co-vice chairs
22 of the Joint Committee, may employ and fix the
23 compensation of such staff as the co-chairs consider
24 necessary to carry out this resolution.

1 (2) DETAIL OF HOUSE AND SENATE EMPLOY-
2 EES.—Upon the request of the Joint Committee, the
3 head of any office of the House of Representatives
4 or Senate is authorized to detail, without reimburse-
5 ment, any of the personnel of such office to the
6 Joint Committee to assist the Joint Committee in
7 carrying out its duties.

8 (b) FUNDING.—There are authorized to be appro-
9 priated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this
10 resolution, of which—

11 (1) 50 percent shall be paid out of the applica-
12 ble accounts of the House of Representatives, to be
13 paid on vouchers signed by the co-chair or co-vice
14 chair of the Joint Committee who is a Member of
15 the House of Representatives, and approved in the
16 manner directed by the Committee on House Admin-
17 istration of the House of Representatives; and

18 (2) 50 percent shall be paid out of the contin-
19 gent fund of the Senate, to be paid on vouchers
20 signed by the co-chair or co-vice chair of the Joint
21 Committee who is a Senator, and approved in the
22 manner directed by the Committee on Rules and Ad-
23 ministration of the Senate.

1 **SEC. 6. TERMINATION.**

2 The Joint Committee shall terminate upon the expi-
3 ration of the 30-day period which begins on the date the
4 Joint Committee submits its final report under section
5 3(b)(1).

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