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## United States Senate

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The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
S-230, The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Majority Leader McConnell,

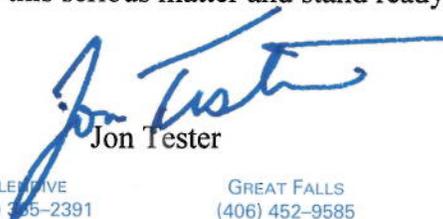
I write today to lend my support to the bipartisan call to create a temporary Select Committee on cyber warfare. All Americans, regardless of politician affiliation, should be troubled by recent reports that Russia carried out coordinated cyberattacks aimed at undermining our democracy. We must work together in an efficient and aggressive way to combat these types of attacks. Therefore, I join Republicans and Democrats in requesting that you support the creation of a temporary Select Committee to address these concerns.

Americans expect us to do everything within our power to safeguard our nation's economy, security and democracy from foreign threats. And while I appreciate your acknowledgement of the seriousness of the reports of Russian interference in this election from our Intelligence community, I am concerned that the lack of a Select Committee will lead to an inefficient review of the cyber warfare being carried out by Russia. As noted by Senators Schumer, McCain, Reed and Graham, numerous committees have jurisdiction over this matter. This multi-jurisdictional matter demands a comprehensive review that likely can only be provided by a single temporary Select Committee.

I strongly believe Americans would be best-served by a Select Committee that conducts a comprehensive investigation of Russian interference in our recent elections and provides recommendations on how to combat future attacks. This should be carried out in a transparent and bipartisan way. The security of our nation and democracy come before any political affiliation, that's why we must come together and send a strong message to the world that we will not stand for tampering with our elections. We are all weaker when foreign entities are able to commit cyber warfare against our elections.

This issue is truly one of bipartisan concern and one needs to look no further than Senator McCain for a clear explanation as to why this committee is needed. As Senator McCain has said now for weeks, it is clear Russia carried out cyberattacks with the aim of interfering in our democratic elections and we must get to the bottom of it.

I appreciate your attention to this serious matter and stand ready to assist you.



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