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## General Comment

June 29, 2017 Russia's Propaganda War against Fossil Fuels; The Mechanics of Russia's Scheme to Use Nonprofit Entities to Influence U.S. Public Policy and Public Opinion of the Oil and Gas Industry; US House of rep: Lamar Smith and Randy Weber sent letter to the U.S. Department of the Treasury; The Committee on Science, Space, and Technology is conducting oversight of what appears to be a concerted effort by foreign entities to funnel millions of dollars through various NON-PROFIT ENTITIES to influence the U.S. energy market. According to the former Secretary General of NATO, "Russia, as part of their sophisticated information and disinformation operations, engaged actively with so-called nongovernmental organizations- environmental organizations working AGAINST SHALE GAS ." These statements and related reports provide evidence that Russia is also behind the radical statements and vitriol directed at the US FOSSIL FUEL SECTOR. The purpose of this letter is to request that the U.S. Department of Treasury INVESTIGATE these and related allegations. U.S. intelligence community have all publicly noted that Russia and its government corporations are FUNDING a covert ANTI FRCKING campaign to SUPPRESS the widespread adoption of fracking . clear evidence that the Kremlin is financing and choreographing anti-fracking propaganda in the United States. According to media outlets, the report found that " ran, 'anti-fracking programming, highlighting environmental issues and the impacts on public health,' It is easy to see the benefit to Russia and Gazprom that would result from a reduction in the U.S. level of drilling and fracking- a position advocated for by numerous environmental groups in the U.S. Publicly available reports connect the dots in this complex scheme operated under the

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guise of philanthropic endeavors. This scheme allows money originating from foreign countries like Russia to funnel through Bermuda-based shell companies to environmental groups in the United States with the aim of disrupting the U.S. energy industry. These allegations are ripe for investigation by the Department of Treasury. These funds are dispersed as grants that will be used to execute a political agenda driven by Russian entities. a Bermuda based corporation apparently established to act only as a pass through for foreign funds , provides a number of services, including those necessary to facilitate the operations of a shell company. Prior conduct of principals reflects a known strategy used to mask the funding of environmental groups. one investigative journalist, "A number of Big Green donors have chosen offshore foundations for government-guaranteed anonymity," adding that, "several countries have become favorites in the no-disclosure-required industry. the Russian funds funnel to a private foundation based in San Francisco, which then passes the funds to environmental 501(c)(3) groups with the intent to effect political change, is appropriately positioned to give the Russian funds to environmental groups that push back on U.S. domestic fracking and gas advancements, strategy is to apply domestic political pressure using its deep pockets -with most of the funding coming from Russia. provides funding grants to well known environment activist groups. These grants, in 2010, to "reduce reliance on high carbon energy. million in an attempt to suppress the U.S. domestic oil & gas industry using funding from a foreign entity that intentionally conceals its funding sources. Committee on Science, Space, and Technology has jurisdiction over environmental and scientific programs and research...also see 92 page Senate report as the "Billionaire's Club," funnel money to far-left environmental activists through public charities. <https://www.epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/white-papers> and GAO REPORT EXPOSES MILLIONS IN ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION FEES FOR FIRST TIME <https://www.epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/press-releases-republican?ID=20BA71B7-802A-23AD-4CA7-A06341934622> tax payers must stop costly special interest interference. EPA must disclose and manage grants better, In 2015, EPA awarded roughly \$3.9 billion, about 49 percent of its budget, in grants to states, local governments tribes, and other recipients. agency did not have the information it needed to allocate grants management resources in an effective and efficient manner.