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Chairman Michael McCaul
Homeland Security Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
2001 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman;

RE: Seth Rich Murder – Russia Connection Investigation

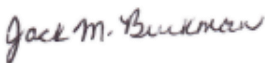
I am a GOP lobbyist who, for the past several months, has been assisting pro bono the family of Seth Rich, the DNC staffer who was fatally shot in the back. It's a case that is one of the most highly debated murder mysteries in the District's history. Despite a \$130,000 reward (which includes \$105,000 from me), and the largest ever for a homicide in D.C., police still have no leads. Mr. Chairman, by way of this letter, I am formally asking that the Homeland Security Committee investigate whether Russia was involved in Mr. Rich's death, is associated in any way or even directly responsible for Mr. Rich's murder.

What we know publicly is that:

1. At the time of his murder, Mr. Rich was working on a highly important voter registration program for the DNC;
2. Intelligence agencies have implicated Russia in the hacking of the DNC computer emails;
3. Russia interfered with the 2016 U.S. Presidential election;
4. WikiLeaks offered its own \$20,000 reward and has coyly hinted that Mr. Rich may be connected to the leaked emails obtained by Russia.

Given what is public knowledge about Russia's involvement, and information I have come to learn about the case, it would not only be perfectly logical, but appropriate for the Committee to investigate Russia's connection to Mr. Rich's murder. I will cooperate with the Committee and its investigation, as I have with the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department. I thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



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