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Chairman Jason Chaffetz  
Committee on Oversight & Government Reform  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2157 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman; **RE: Seth Rich Murder – Russia Connection Investigation**

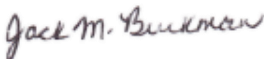
I am a GOP lobbyist who, for the past several months, has been assisting pro bono the family of Seth Rich, the DNC staffer who was fatally shot in the back. It's a case that is one of the most highly debated murder mysteries in the District's history. Despite a \$130,000 reward (which includes \$105,000 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 Committee on Oversight & Government Reform 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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