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Dear Chairman Burr and Vice Chairman Warner,

Please find here a report that Global Witness has released today entitled [*"A Foreign Affair: Conflicts of Interest in the White House and Trump's Dominican Republic Deal."*](#)

The underlying investigation of this report focuses on the Trump Organization's apparent new real estate deal in the Cap Cana resort in the Dominican Republic. This deal poses a conflict of interest for President Trump and may expose him to violations of the U.S. Constitution's Emoluments Clause.

The report provides evidence, including a filmed, undercover meeting with two senior representatives of the resort's exclusive sales brokerage firm that suggests that the Trump Organization is involved in the development of a commercial and residential project on the beach at the Cap Cana resort and has the requisite permits to start building.

In response to our investigation, the Trump Organization has denied that it is involved in any current project in the Dominican Republic.

However, Global Witness's investigation suggests that the deal is indeed new. Hallmarks of a new deal include, among others, a potential change in Trump's role as developer instead of licensor, and the fact that the new and previous projects are not even close to one another—they are five miles apart.

Global Witness exposes the hidden links between corruption, armed conflict and environmental destruction. We urge you to investigate these concerns and, if appropriate, hold the Trump Organization, President Trump and his family accountable.

Should you have any questions about the report and findings, please contact Eryn Schornick, Lead Investigator on this report and Senior Policy Advisor, Anti-Money Laundering at eschornick@globalwitness.org or (202) 580 – 9711.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,



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