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Dear Ms. Reynolds and Mr. Mattice:

The Committee is conducting a bipartisan inquiry into Russian interference in the 2016 U.S. elections. As part of that effort, the Committee has become aware that the Russian Federation targeted multiple state election systems during the 2016 election cycle, and while we have seen no evidence that suggests any votes were manipulated, we also believe the American voters should know if their state has been the victim of a cyberattack.

The Department of Homeland Security publicly confirmed in testimony before the Committee on June 21, 2017, that 21 states' election networks were targeted by the Russian government during the 2016 election cycle. To date, however, only Arizona and Illinois have publicly confirmed their respective cyberattacks. While we understand that each state retains the right to decide whether to speak publicly about any attacks or intrusions, we urge every state to consider proactively informing its voting public on whether it has been a victim of malicious cyber activity. Transparency is at the heart of our democracy and a pillar of strength of our electoral process.

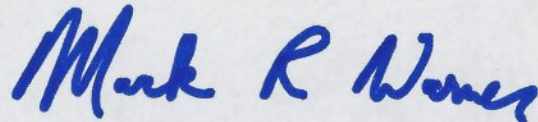
It is important that we both harden our cyber defenses against these threats, but equally important that we educate the public about the danger posed by these attacks. Working together, we can accomplish these goals and ensure the security of our state, local, and federal elections this year, in 2018, and beyond.

We ask that you share this letter with your member states. Thank you for your attention to this important national security matter. You may contact the Committee's staff at (202) 224-1700 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Burr", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Richard Burr
Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark R. Warner", written in a cursive style.

Mark R. Warner
Vice Chairman