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Dear Honorable Members of the New Jersey Congressional House Delegation:

I am writing to ask that you co-sponsor the Swalwell-Cummings bill – also known as the “Protecting Our Democracy Act” or House Resolution 356. As you know, H.R. 356 would create a 12-member, bi-partisan, independent commission of distinguished citizens to examine the extent to which any foreign entities attempted to manipulate, interfere with, or otherwise undermine public trust in our democracy. This commission would be tasked with submitting a final report with recommendations to Congress and the President within 18 months of enactment.

Our country has formed this type of non-political commission during times of great crisis and uncertainty. At a moment of rising doubt in the ability of the executive and legislative branches of government to conduct their ongoing investigations in a fair and credible manner, the establishment of a thoroughly independent investigation would help restore the American peoples’ trust in our constitutional system of checks and balances.

Ensuring the future integrity of our electoral system is not a partisan issue, which is why 78 percent of Americans are in favor of setting up a wholly independent investigative body in this matter. Again, I respectfully urge those of you who have yet to co-sponsor this measure to join Reps. Amash (R-MI3), Jones (R-NC-3), and Kennedy (D-MA-4) in supporting this resolution.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John F. McKeon".

John F. McKeon



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