

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON, DC 20515

May 15, 2018

The Honorable Steven Mnuchin
U.S. Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Secretary Mnuchin,

On April 27, 2018, we sent you a letter (enclosed) expressing our concern regarding the U.S. Department of the Treasury's recent announcement to ease sanctions against the Russian aluminum producer United Company RUSAL PLC (RUSAL).

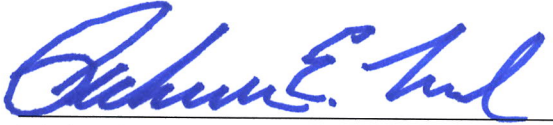
In that letter, the six Democratic Members of the U.S. House Ways and Means Committee Subcommittee on Trade and I respectfully requested Treasury to brief our staff on this matter by May 4, 2018. Further, we requested written responses to questions we raised regarding the decision of the Administration to extend sanctions relief for RUSAL, including who within Treasury and the White House made this determination, by May 11, 2018.

Those deadlines have passed and yet the Administration has failed to contact us. We call on the Administration to address this oversight by scheduling a briefing with our staff immediately and by submitting written responses to our questions as soon as possible. Additionally, we ask that you inform us in writing why the Administration has failed to respond to our requests.

We remain deeply concerned about this Administration's apparent lack of commitment to holding Russia accountable for the egregious activities it carries out to undermine democracy in the United States and around the globe. The Administration's indication that it will consider lifting sanctions against RUSAL entirely if its major stakeholder, Oleg Deripaska, divests and relinquishes control of the company raises significant questions given that other sanctioned Russian individuals hold stakes in the company. Sual Partners, which is co-owned by Viktor Vekselberg, another Russian oligarch on which Treasury imposed sanctions on April 6, 2018, also holds a 26.5 percent stake in RUSAL. We and the American public deserve an explanation for why the Administration is not holding these individuals accountable for profiting from the destabilizing actions of a corrupt regime.

We look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,



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Ranking Member
Committee on Ways and Means



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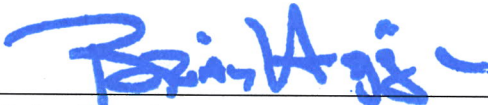
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Enclosure: Letter dated April 27, 2018