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Dear Colleague,

December 2014 marked the two-year anniversary of the passage of the Sergei Magnitsky Rule of Law Accountability Act – a critical piece of legislation that demonstrates the United States’ deep and continuing commitment to human rights around the world. As Chairman and Ranking Member of the Helsinki Commission, we worked closely on this important legislation to ensure that egregious human rights violations in Russia do not continue with impunity.

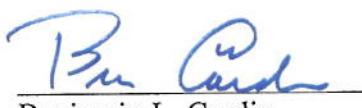
Red Notice by Bill Browder depicts the tragic events that inspired the passage of the Magnitsky Act. Mr. Browder provides a compelling account of his own story, describing how he became the CEO of Hermitage Capital Management and ultimately uncovered staggering corruption throughout the Russian government. He offers firsthand details of the corruption, including the embezzlement of \$230 million by top officials; the ensuing cover-up; and the horrific abuses suffered by his lawyer, Sergei Magnitsky, at the hands of the Russian government. As you may recall, after Mr. Magnitsky helped Mr. Browder expose the criminal activity in Russia – which occurred at the highest level – Mr. Magnitsky was arrested, tortured, and ultimately died while in the custody of the Russian government.

Passage of the Magnitsky Act serves as a signal to Russia – and to others actively oppressing human rights – that the United States will not stand idly by and tolerate these abuses. Importantly, it also signals to the victims of these abuses (and to their families) that their sufferings do not go unnoticed. Our work is not finished. Boris Nemtsov’s brutal murder on February 27 in Moscow underscores the dangers still faced by those who oppose President Vladimir Putin and his totalitarian regime.

We hope you will find this book as enlightening and validating as we have. We believe its contents serve as a powerful reminder of the need for legislation such as the Magnitsky Act and of the importance of protecting and preserving human rights worldwide.

Sincerely,

  
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