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Dear Senate Judiciary Committee Member,

Common Cause strongly urges your committee to promptly release all transcripts in its possession of interviews conducted with Fusion GPS staff as part of your investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election. The firm's founders requested this action in this morning's [New York Times](#). In their op-ed, they said their firm provided over 21 hours of testimony to three congressional committees that puts to rest some of the "conspiracy theories" disseminated by some who are "in the thrall of the president."

Americans have a right to know the truth about what happened in the 2016 election so that we can strengthen our democracy and protect our elections against future attacks. Unfortunately, nearly the entire congressional investigation into Russian interference in our elections—including potential collusion between Russian entities and Trump associates—has occurred behind closed doors and out of public view.

This opacity must end.

It appears that some information from the Fusion GPS testimony is being selectively leaked to serve a partisan agenda and divert attention from the investigation. Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley [said in August 2017](#) that there would a vote of his committee to release the transcripts, and Senator Hatch [indicated](#) he would vote to publicize the transcripts, but nearly six months later, the committee has not provided any information publicly about any votes or action on this matter.

To help bolster public trust in the process, we are calling for an immediate release of the transcripts of testimony given by Fusion GPS staff. These are just the first steps to help set the record straight. Americans deserve transparency and accountability in our democratic institutions of self-government. We hope you will put country over party, release the full transcripts to shore up trust our democracy, and commit to an open and public process in front of the American people.

Sincerely,

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