



HONORABLE BEN RAY LUJÁN
CHAIRMAN

July 10, 2017

The Honorable Steve Stivers
320 First Street SE
Washington D.C., 20003

Dear Chairman Stivers:

As you likely know, the DCCC was the victim of a cyber-attack during the 2016 election cycle. The U.S. Intelligence community has confirmed that nefarious actors associated with the Russian government carried out this attack. These foreign adversaries also hacked the DNC, all with the confirmed intent of changing the outcome of the 2016 elections. Additionally, it is well documented that these same nefarious actors have a record of altering hacked information with the purpose of spreading disinformation to achieve strategic objectives.

There is no doubt that this cyber-attack and subsequent leak of stolen and possibly altered materials, affected Congressional races. This stemmed in great part from the willingness of operatives to use hacked information for their political benefit. In fact, the NRCC utilized materials associated with the hack in paid advertising during the 2016 cycle – an extremely disturbing development following this attack on our organization.

Since 2016, the DCCC has focused significant time and resources to bolster our data security. However, the threat of cyber-attacks remains, and we must work together to take bold steps to protect the American political system from future intrusions. This cannot be a partisan issue.

First, I ask for your steadfast commitment that the NRCC will refrain from the use of any stolen or altered documents or strategic information as part of any past or potential future hack on our Committee or campaigns.

Second, we must work together this cycle as proud Americans – not as Democrats or Republicans – to protect against future attacks. Specifically, I ask that we convene in the near future to discuss how to best establish a united front against foreign governments and collaborate with DHS, the FBI and other institutions to protect our elections. By the year's end, we should establish a joint plan to protect our committees and keep foreign adversaries and criminal actors out of our elections.

Finally, I would like to highlight the attached letter that I sent to your organization during the 2016 election asking that the use of any illegally obtained information be prohibited and strongly rebuked. I still maintain my position as expressed in that letter.

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It is our responsibility as the leaders of our respective Committees to do everything in our power, collectively and individually, to prevent cyber-attacks conducted by foreign adversaries, criminal actors or otherwise from affecting the outcome of the 2018 midterm elections. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ben R. Lujan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "B".

Ben Ray Lujan
DCCC Chairman



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NRCC Chairman Greg Walden
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Dear Chairman Walden,

The recent cyber intrusions into the DNC, DCCC and other political organizations is a deeply troubling incident, and respected cybersecurity experts have unanimously attributed these malicious activities to the Russian government. This ongoing Russian offensive appears aimed at disrupting and influencing our fall elections.

Another disturbing development has been the online posting of documents allegedly stolen from the DCCC by the Russian hackers. The Russians have a long track record of doctoring documents acquired through cyberattacks, and while we cannot confirm their authenticity, their appearance online is certainly a notable concern.

I write with the assumption that you are not aware of the troubling action your Committee undertook last week to take advantage of this Russian cyberattack ahead of this week's Democratic primary in Florida. In a digital advertisement attacking Mr. Randy Perkins in the 18th Congressional District, your staff used content from documents stolen by the Russian hackers.

I know you to be an honorable person, and this disturbing action by your Committee is genuinely shocking. The NRCC's use of documents stolen by the Russians plays right into the hands of one of the United States' most dangerous adversaries. Put simply, if this action continues, the NRCC will be complicit in aiding the Russian government in its effort to influence American elections.

Having called your attention to this deplorable act, I urge you to announce that you oppose any use by the NRCC and other Republican campaigns of materials stolen by the Russians. In doing so, you would join RNC Chairman Reince Priebus who stated he is "not on board" or "happy" with the hack into Democratic networks, and our colleague Congressman Ryan Costello who has vowed that he "will not use information contained in the hacking as an opportunity to attack [his] opponent." This is the only appropriate and patriotic way to respond to this Russian attack on our democracy.

I look forward to your announcement that the NRCC will refrain from and denounce any further activity that takes advantage of the Russian hacking. This is a grave concern to every American, regardless of party.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ben R. Lujan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chairman Ben Ray Luján