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President Joseph R. Biden Jr.
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden,

I write today to follow up on my previous letter urging you to sanction Roman Abramovich. Abramovich is one of Russian dictator Vladimir Putin's most notorious oligarchs and has been sanctioned by our allies in the European Union, United Kingdom and Canada. In order for sanctions to have the maximum effect, the United States must also impose sanctions on him in concert with our allies.

While I understand that the reason behind not sanctioning Abramovich is that President Zelensky believes he is crucial to peace negotiations, I don't believe that he has significant influence over Putin. I met with Mikhail Khodorkovsky and Bill Browder this week. I asked them if Roman Abramovich was as instrumental to a peace deal as everyone claims, and they both said no.

I also ask that you consider sanctioning Putin's alleged mistress, Alina Kabaeva. Kabaeva became chair on the board of directors at the National Media Group, a large media conglomerate in Russia, in 2014. Kabaeva was given this position, no doubt because of her close relationship with Putin. While there, she was receiving an annual salary of \$10 million. She must be sanctioned because she is a member of Putin's inner circle who is benefitting from his nefarious actions and illegal war.

I hope you will consider adding Abramovich and Kabaeva to the list of individuals sanctioned by the United States.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Cohen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steve Cohen
Member of Congress