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The Honorable John Tierney  
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Dear Chairman Issa, Ranking Member Cummings, Chairman Chaffetz and Ranking Member Tierney:

I am writing to respectfully request that the Oversight and Government Reform Committee and/or the Subcommittee on National Security, convene a hearing to examine the ongoing crisis in Ukraine.

As you know, Russia has recently taken a number of aggressive and highly provocative actions in Ukraine over the past months. Last year, it pressured the Ukrainian government not to sign political and economic accords with Europe; it recently invaded and annexed the Crimea; it continues to support violence by pro-Russian separatists; and finally it has placed thousands of its military forces along its border with Ukraine. This behavior has stoked violence within Ukraine, alarmed our NATO allies, and led to regional destabilization.

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This crisis has brought about a robust debate about what the United States' role should be in this situation. As the Congressional Committee tasked with oversight we must be part of this conversation, as any U.S. support for the new government in Kiev, or actions against Russia, will entail a cost. In light of past corruption in the Ukrainian government, and our own budget limitations, we must ensure that any U.S. assistance provided be appropriate and handled transparently.

In the interest of a full and productive hearing, a range of witnesses representing the perspectives of the Department of State, Department of Treasury, the Department of Defense and NATO would be helpful. I am sure that our capable Committee staff could also add to that list.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen F. Lynch". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "S" and "L".

Stephen F. Lynch  
Member of Congress

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