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November 30, 2017

Mr. Alex G. Copson  
Managing Director  
ACU Strategic Partners  
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Dear Mr. Copson,

I write with great concern regarding a recent report in the *Washington Post* that Michael Flynn was paid by your company to consult on an energy project in the Middle East which was planned in conjunction with Russian interests.<sup>1</sup> According to the *Post*, Mr. Flynn reportedly used his influence as a member of President Trump's transition team and as National Security Advisor to advocate for proposals that could benefit your company. Mr. Flynn's highly irregular actions once again raise concerns about possible conflicts of interest while he was working on the transition team and in the White House.

As you know, former FBI Director James Comey was fired by President Trump after the president asked him to "let go" of potential charges against Mr. Flynn. Thus, as a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, I am deeply concerned about Mr. Flynn's potential conflicts of interest—central to our investigation of possible obstruction of justice by the Trump Administration. Moreover, as the Ranking Member on the Subcommittee on the Constitution, I am particularly alarmed about the potential separation of powers issues that are raised when the president and his subordinates attempt to obstruct enforcement of the laws passed by Congress. We need to know the full extent of Mr. Flynn's hidden lobbying for special interests and foreign interests while on the transition team and in the White House so that we may know his legal liability.

Accordingly, I request that you provide all information and any relevant documents pertaining to the following questions:

- What was the nature of Mr. Flynn's relationship with ACU Strategic Partners?
- What role did Mr. Flynn play in advancing the proposal advanced by ACU Strategic Partners within the Trump transition team and later within the Administration as National Security Advisor?

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<sup>1</sup> Greg Jaffe, Carol D. Leonnig, Michael Kranish & Tom Hamburger, *Inside the White House, Michael Flynn pushed proposal from company he said he had advised*, THE WASHINGTON POST (Nov. 28, 2017, 7:35 PM), [https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/inside-the-white-house-michael-flynn-pushed-proposal-from-company-he-had-advised/2017/11/28/445da6f0-d454-11e7-b62d-d9345ced896d\\_story.html?utm\\_term=.2b8e53516347](https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/inside-the-white-house-michael-flynn-pushed-proposal-from-company-he-had-advised/2017/11/28/445da6f0-d454-11e7-b62d-d9345ced896d_story.html?utm_term=.2b8e53516347).

- What compensation did Mr. Flynn receive from ACU Strategic Partners, and what was he paid for?

Thank you for your attention on this matter.

Sincerely,



Richard Blumenthal  
United States Senator  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on the Constitution  
Senate Committee on the Judiciary