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Dear Chairman Burr and Vice Chairman Warner,

Please find here a report that Global Witness has released today entitled, "[Trump's Luxury Condo: A Congolese State Affair](#)".

The underlying investigation of this report focuses on the purchase of an apartment; the Trump Organization brokered and profited from the apartment sale. Claudia Sassou-Nguesso, the first daughter of the Republic of Congo, used millions of dollars of apparently stolen Congolese state funds to buy this luxury apartment at the Trump International Hotel & Tower in New York City.

The investigation provides evidence that Claudia Sassou-Nguesso purchased the New York City luxury apartment while hiding behind a front man, José Veiga. Mr. Veiga is a controversial businessperson who is the target of a Portuguese probe into corruption and money laundering in Congo. Trump companies played key roles in the deal and further disclosures are required to clarify whether Trump has profited from the apartment since taking office.

Global Witness sent written questions to the Trump Organization asking for comment on the details and allegations laid out in this article. No response to the allegations put to it for comment were received within the deadline provided, but the Trump Organization has consistently refuted allegations of wrongdoing around property [ventures](#) and [deals](#).

We urge you to investigate these concerns and, if appropriate, hold the Trump Organization and Donald Trump accountable.

Global Witness exposes the hidden links between corruption, armed conflict and environmental destruction.

Should you have any questions about the report and findings, please contact Pete Jones ([pjones@globalwitness.org](mailto:pjones@globalwitness.org); +44 7712 323 324) or Mariana Abreu ([mabreu@globalwitness.org](mailto:mabreu@globalwitness.org); +44 7912 517 147), Lead Investigators on this report.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,



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House Judiciary Committee, Chairman Jarrod Nadler  
House Judiciary Committee, Ranking Member Mary Gay Scanlon  
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