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Posel na Sejm  
Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej

Marcin Świącicki  
Member of the Polish Parliament

Attorney General of the United States  
Her Excellency Loretta E. Lynch

Dear Madam Attorney General,

I am writing to direct your attention to the situation of Mr. Pavel Zabelin, a citizen of Russia, one of the key witnesses in the Russian trial of YUKOS management, under Mikhail Khodorkovsky. As he did not want to succumb to the pressure to give false testimony against the highly respected freedom-fighter, he was forced to flee Russia and is now residing in the United States.

As Russia on 30 June, 2015 re-started Khodorkovsky's case, it is very likely that people from his close circle would be targeted with illegal pressure by Russia, to provide "witnesses" testimony. Mr. Zabelin's family and colleagues suffered years of intimidation due to the fact that he was considered to be an "enemy of the [Russian] state" and had ties to Khodorkovsky.

I believe it would be fully justified to take pre-emptive efforts to be prepared for likely Russia's interference into Zabelin's personal and legal status in the USA – because of these actions his life and well-being might come under threat. It would be desired if the American authorities take appropriate measures to respond to this situation. Also, I believe it would be reasonable if American authorities raise this issue at the Commission for the Control of the Interpol's Files, which is empowered to remove his name from the Interpol's Red Notice system. He remains enlisted under Red Notice after Russia's request, which was already overturned by the US during checking procedure when he applied for the visa as well as by Germany and Estonia which refused extraditions of Zabelin to Russia.

Sincerely,

