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The Honorable Mike Pompeo  
Secretary of State  
U.S. Department of State  
2201 C Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Secretary Pompeo,

I write to urge you to recuse yourself immediately from all Ukraine-related matters. You have a direct conflict of interest given your participation in the now-infamous Trump-Zelensky call, and there are serious questions concerning your role in the leveraging of U.S. security assistance – taxpayer dollars – to advance President Trump’s personal and political agenda.

Going forward you must refrain from any direct or indirect participation in or influence over the State Department response to the Ukraine scandal, including congressional requests for documents or to interview State Department personnel. You should also step back from Ukraine policy and foreign assistance decisions. The American people need to have confidence that the Nation’s chief diplomat is making decisions based on the national interest — not to advance a partisan political agenda. Recusal is the only option at this point to prevent further erosion of the integrity of US foreign policy.

Sincerely,



Robert Menendez  
Ranking Member