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Dear Messrs Goldston, Rhodes, and Oppenheim,

As Co-Chairs of the House Media Fairness Caucus, we are seriously concerned with the lack of coverage your networks gave to the new developments that have been reported about the Russian Uranium One scandal.

The Hill reported that Russian nuclear officials had routed millions of dollars to the Clinton Foundation while Hillary Clinton was Secretary of State, a role critical to the sale of Uranium One to the Russian state-controlled firm Rosatom. The House Intelligence Committee, along with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, opened an investigation into this deal.

Despite the severity of these claims, there is a significant imbalance between the news coverage of Uranium One and the oversaturated news coverage of the alleged Trump-Russia collusion story. According to a *Media Research Center* analysis, ABC devoted just 2 minutes, 4 seconds of coverage to this story; CBS provided 2 minutes, 34 seconds of coverage on their evening newscasts; and NBC spent has not spent a single second on this important story. By comparison, your networks have spent 1,000+ minutes of airtime on the Trump-Russia collusion story since President Trump's Inauguration. That, in total, represents 20% of all coverage of the Trump presidency.

These statistics are alarming and reveal the depth of bias your networks hold towards stories that place the Republican Party in a negative light. We welcome your response as to why this story does not deserve to be covered by your networks while the Trump-Russia collusion narrative deserves wall-to-wall coverage. Both are important stories about ongoing investigations that are in the public interest and of which the American people should be aware.

The Russia Uranium One scandal is an important developing story and the American people deserve to know the facts surrounding the investigation. If the American people do not have the facts, they cannot make good decisions, and if they cannot make good decisions, our democracy is at risk.

Sincerely,



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