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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Republican Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Steny H. Hoyer  
Majority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Leader McCarthy, and Leader Hoyer:

I write to respectfully request that you schedule a classified, bipartisan briefing for Members of Congress regarding the recently-revealed cyberattack on the networks of the federal government and much of corporate America, an attack that is widely believed to have been the work of a Russian intelligence agency.

Public reports about the consequences of this attack for U.S. national security paint a very grim picture. A classified briefing by the relevant federal agencies would enable Members to better understand the nature and extent of the attack, the precise parties responsible, whether more could have been done to prevent this attack and can be done to prevent future attacks, and the range of options that are available to the United States to appropriately respond to the attack.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephanie".

Stephanie Murphy  
Member of Congress