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Mr. James Goldston
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Dear Mr. Goldston,

The broadcast news networks have a professional and ethical obligation to report nationwide issues of political significance and to do so in an honest, comprehensive, and unbiased fashion. And yet with the startling new developments reported by *The Hill* regarding the Russian Uranium One scandal, you have deliberately chosen to ignore your duty to the American public. You are censoring what may be one of the most wide ranging scandals of our time.

It is a story of Watergate-like significance with wide ranging national security implications involving officials at the highest levels of power in the U.S. government. The American people deserve to know the truth and the whole truth about this story. During the Watergate scandal it was the national news media that were relentless in their pursuit of the truth. The American people have every right to expect that the same level of commitment would be shown now.

Your lack of coverage, therefore, is not mere bias. It is a complete and deliberate dereliction of duty.

According to Media Research Center analysis as of this morning, ABC has devoted just 20 seconds of coverage to this story (on October 24 *World News Tonight*). CBS has provided zero coverage on their evening newscasts, but 99 seconds of coverage in a 69-second Q&A on the October 22, *Face the Nation* and a 30-second mention on the October 25, *CBS This Morning*. NBC has produced no coverage, whatsoever.

Unlike the alleged Trump collusion story, so popular in the media, this story, now commonly known as the Uranium One scandal, is an instance of actual collusion between the Obama administration and the Russian government.

Your networks have been obsessed with the desire to find a collusion between Russia and the Trump administration. Between Jan 20th and Oct 20th of this year, the broadcast networks dedicated a whopping 1,000 minutes of airtime to this story, or 20% percent of all coverage of the Trump presidency.

What are you refusing to cover? Consider: the FBI conducted secret investigations about this affair which even Congress didn't know about. These investigations gathered evidence that Russian nuclear officials had engaged in illegal activities to grow Russia's uranium business inside the U.S.

The Hill also reported that Russian nuclear officials had routed millions of dollars to the Clinton Foundation while Hillary Clinton was Secretary of State. Her role was significant, because as Secretary of State, she was critical to the approval of the sale of Uranium One to the Russian-state firm, Rosatom.

This past Tuesday, October 24th, the House Intelligence Committee announced it would be opening new probes into the Obama-era Uranium One deal, including the FBI handling of the Clinton's involvement. Moreover, we have recently learned that the FBI was aware of several Russian covert attempts to spy on the State Department around the time of the Uranium One deal and also infiltrate the Clinton's inner circle as early as 2009. We've also learned that an apparent "gag order" was placed on an FBI informant who reportedly helped the U.S. uncover this scandal. Significantly, this informant was allegedly "threatened" by the Obama administration to stay quiet.

No doubt more developments will continue to come out in the days and weeks ahead with the House probe into the matter.

The hypocrisy and double standard are breathtaking. There is no evidence of collusion involving the Trump administration and the Russians, yet your coverage of this "scandal" is endless. There *is* evidence of collusion between the Obama administration and Russia dealing with the transfer of 20% of America's uranium reserves to our enemy--and scant coverage!

Unlike the alleged Trump collusion story, so popular in the media, this story, now commonly known as the Uranium One scandal, is an instance of actual collusion, backed up by mounting evidence of foul play between a US administration and the Russian government.

This is a story that must be told. The censorship must end.

Sincerely,

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