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U.S. SENATE

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Michael Gavin
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Dear Special Agent in Charge Gavin:

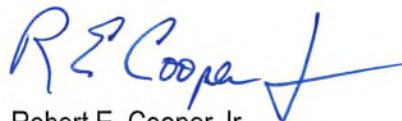
I am writing as legal counsel for Bredesen For Senate, the federal campaign to elect former Tennessee Gov. Phil Bredesen to the U.S. Senate, regarding unauthorized access to campaign-related information.

On Wednesday, February 28, 2018, the Bredesen campaign received multiple emails that appeared to be from the campaign's media buyer. The sender knew that the campaign was preparing to purchase air time for a TV commercial and knew the dates of the proposed media buy. These emails urged the campaign to wire funds to an international bank account. The same day, the campaign received an email purporting to be from a principal in the media team that produced the TV commercial, urging transfer of the funds.

Upon realizing that the emails used addresses that were nearly identical to the actual media buyer and principal, the Bredesen campaign immediately engaged a cyber-security firm to determine the extent of any breaches and review security protocols. The firm determined that the domain names associated with the imposter emails appear to have been registered through an Arizona-based registrar. Thanks to alert action by campaign management, no funds were diverted. However, due to the fact that the imposters knew the media buy was imminent, we are concerned that there has been an unauthorized intrusion into the extended campaign organization.

Our internal review is ongoing. We stand ready to provide more detail and cooperate in any investigation. We appreciate your efforts to protect our citizens and the integrity of our elections from these and similar online threats.

Yours truly,



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