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The Honorable Barack Obama  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Current events in Ukraine demand immediate attention from the United States of America. In response to the crisis, you threatened that “there will be costs for any military intervention in Ukraine.”

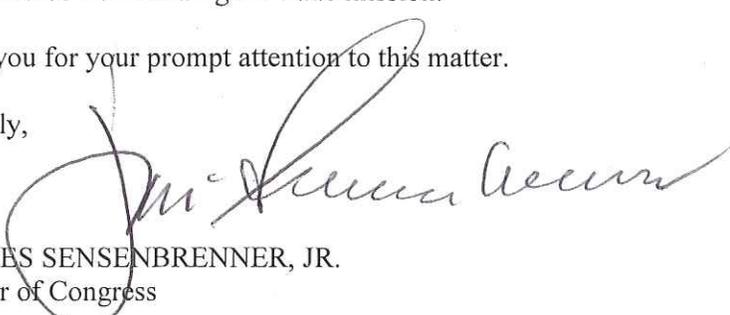
On March 3, 2014, however, the United States Department of Commerce International Trade Administration announced an Executive-led trade mission to Moscow and St. Petersburg from September 15-19, 2014.<sup>1</sup> Your Administration stated that the purpose of the mission is to help U.S. travel and tourism firms sell services and find business partners in Russia.

You have spoken of the need to hold Russia accountable and the Congress is currently drafting punitive sanctions. This government-led trade mission to Russia stands in direct conflict with Congress’s efforts and your Administration’s boycott of the G-8 Summit. We need actions as well as words.

I respectfully request that you take immediate action to recall this announcement and stop the Department of Commerce from leading the trade mission.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

  
F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.  
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<sup>1</sup>“Travel and Tourism Trade Mission to Russia September 15-19, 2014,” Federal Register Volume 79, Number 41, (March 3, 2014): 11764-11766