

March 10, 2023

Committee on the Judiciary
Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government
U.S. House of Representatives
2138 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives of the House Judiciary Committee:

During the Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government hearing on Thursday, March 9, 2023, “Hearing on the Weaponization of the Federal Government on the Twitter Files,” incorrect statements were made regarding the now-retired Hamilton 68 dashboard, the Alliance for Securing Democracy (ASD), and the German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF). We respectfully submit this letter to correct the record.

Hamilton 68 was designed to provide a window into Russian influence operations on Twitter by tracking some overtly pro-Russian accounts and some Russian bots, as well as real accounts that—knowingly and unknowingly—actively amplified Russian media themes or were amplified by Russian propaganda accounts. It was not designed to identify Russian bot networks.

The Alliance for Securing Democracy used no government funding in the creation of Hamilton 68, which was operational from August 2017 to December 2018. During this time, ASD was funded 100 percent independently of the German Marshall Fund, drawing its revenue from private philanthropic foundations.

The Global Engagement Center (GEC) was not involved in the creation or operation of the Hamilton 68 project.

Respectfully,

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