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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6225

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Dear Mr. Zuckerberg,

We appreciate Meta's engagement with our teams to explain your initiatives to counter Russian-backed disinformation and political financing ahead of Moldova's September 2025 parliamentary elections. We write to call your attention to another of the Russian Federation's efforts to interfere in a vulnerable democracy's elections, this time ahead of Armenia's June 2026 parliamentary elections. These elections are pivotal for determining Armenia's future, as they are likely to determine the outcome of regional peace initiatives and connectivity projects, including the flagship Trump Route for International Peace and Prosperity, a key component of peace talks. No foreign power should be permitted to influence the results of Armenia's sovereign decisions.

Independent experts assess that Russia is updating its playbook from Moldova, including by using Meta platforms, to influence the results of Armenia's democratic process. Prime Minister Pashinyan has noted that "people from Russia" are being encouraged to support certain political parties. A respected Armenian civil society group, the Union of Informed Citizens, has identified more than a hundred pages on Meta platforms promoting manipulative content relating to the upcoming elections. The group has also noted coordinated inauthentic behavior reportedly directed by a Russian-Armenian oligarch listed by the first Trump Administration in a statutorily required report to Congress as a "significant senior foreign political figure [or] oligarch in the Russian Federation, as determined by their closeness to the Russian regime."

We hope that you will reprise and adapt efforts taken to support Moldova in defending its democracy but now with relevant Armenian institutions. We urge Meta to devote sufficient resources to counter Russian disinformation ahead of the Armenian elections. While the United States must remain impartial in its views about the results of Armenia's democratic process, we cannot turn a blind eye when we see a foreign power attempt to impose its will on the Armenian people. If these efforts use platforms based in the jurisdiction of the United States, our responsibility is even greater to mitigate and prevent such efforts. I urge Meta to use this moment to help ensure that Armenia's elections remain free and fair.

Sincerely,



Senator Jeanne Shaheen  
Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on Foreign Relations



Thom Tillis  
United States Senator