

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

December 8, 2017

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Russell Senate Office Building Room 317

The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Hart Senate Office Building Room 322

Dear Majority Leader McConnell and Minority Leader Schumer:

We write regarding the nomination of K.T. McFarland to serve as the United States Ambassador to Singapore.


As you are aware, Ms. McFarland may have provided information to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that conflicts with recent media reports regarding her knowledge and involvement in matters pertaining to contacts during the Trump Presidential Transition between former National Security Adviser General Michael Flynn and Russia's Ambassador to the United States Sergei Kislyak, among other matters.


Before the Senate takes any further action on her nomination, we believe that it is critical that she provide us with a complete record and accounting of these matters, and that she be fully responsive to any additional questions that Members may have. Without a complete record, it is impossible for the Senate to be properly informed or to responsibly discharge its constitutional duties to provide advice and consent on presidential nominations.

Therefore, we are placing a hold on her nomination and we urge you not to seek cloture on her nomination until Ms. McFarland publicly clarifies these matters.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We would welcome the opportunity to speak with you both further. Please have your staff direct questions or concerns to Michael Schiffer (4-4651) or Sophia Lalani (4-3224).

Sincerely,

  
Benjamin L. Cardin  
United States Senator

  
Cory A. Booker  
United States Senator