

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

The Honorable Merrick Garland
Attorney General
Department of Justice

Dear Attorney General Garland:

Yesterday, you announced the creation of Task Force KleptoCapture, which will serve as “an interagency law enforcement task force dedicated to enforcing the sweeping sanctions, export restrictions, and economic countermeasures that the United States has imposed” on Russia for its reckless and illegal invasion of Ukraine. According to your press release, the Task Force will include personnel from the FBI, U.S. Marshals Service, U.S. Secret Service, Department of Homeland Security, IRS and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

Russia and its officials have engaged in a reckless, dangerous and destructive series of illegal actions against the government and people of Ukraine. The Justice Department must use all tools at its disposal to punish the Russian government, its officials, affiliated Russian oligarchs and related individuals and entities for criminal acts that have allowed and, if not stopped, will support the Russian Government’s war efforts against Ukraine.

Congress has a critical role to play in ensuring that the Executive Branch has the tools and funding at its disposal to accomplish the Task Force’s mission. In light of these congressional equities and the seriousness of the current state of play between the United States Government, its allies and the Russian Government, I request that you brief the Judiciary Committee on the scope, responsibility and duties of the Task Force as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary