

## **Chairman Royce Statement on DOJ Russia Indictments**

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**Washington**, **D.C.** – House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Ed Royce (R-CA) issued the following statement after the Department of Justice issued indictments against 13 Russian nationals and three Russian entities for meddling in the 2016 U.S. election:

"I'm glad the administration is acting, based on the ongoing work of the special counsel, to hold Russia accountable. We've long known Vladimir Putin has been using an arsenal of trolls, disinformation and propaganda to try to undermine western democracies – including the United States. Putin doesn't care whether we're Democrats or Republicans. His goal is to undermine America's values and our public institutions. More must be done, including with international broadcasting, to counter this threat. Our midterm elections are rapidly approaching, and we must ensure the sanctity of our political process."

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