

Chairman Royce Statement on Appointment of Special Counsel for Russia Investigation

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Washington, **D.C.** – House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Ed Royce (R-CA) issued the following statement regarding the appointment of former FBI Director Robert Mueller to serve as Special Counsel leading a Department of Justice investigation into Russian meddling in the 2016 election:

"Robert Mueller is the right man to lead this investigation. He's a strong, independent leader who built an impeccable reputation over decades in law enforcement. And as special counsel, I'm confident he'll pursue the facts – wherever they may lead.

"As I've said before, Vladimir Putin's acts of aggression pose serious threats to the U.S. and our allies. We've got to get to the bottom of Russia's efforts to meddle in our democratic process so we can keep it from happening again."

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