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The Honorable Michael R. Pompeo  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of State  
2201 C Street NW  
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Pompeo:

I am writing to invite you to testify at a hearing entitled "From Sanctions to the Soleimani Strike to Escalation: Evaluating the Administration's Iran Policy" at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 in Room 2172 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to conduct oversight of United States' Iran and Middle East regional strategy, including the policies and legal theories governing the executive branch's use of military force against Qassem Soleimani, Shia militias, and other targets in Iraq and the region. Moreover, the Committee would like to know why the Trump Administration believes its maximum pressure campaign against Iran and recent strikes are bringing Teheran back to the negotiating table and deescalating tensions in the region. Your participation at this hearing will provide the Committee with valuable context as it considers legislation related to the use of military force, as well as the strategy and aims of U.S. policy in Iraq and the broader Middle East.

Enclosed are the Committee's instructions for hearing witnesses. I ask that a biography and written testimony be sent to [evan.bursey@mail.house.gov](mailto:evan.bursey@mail.house.gov) as soon as possible. If you need any additional information for this hearing, please contact Evan Bursey, Hearing Coordinator, at (202) 225-5021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eliot L. Engel".

ELIOT L. ENGEL  
Chairman