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Dear Mr. Boehler,

As the Ranking Member for the Europe, Eurasia, Energy, and the Environment Subcommittee, countering Russia's malign use of energy against our European allies is of great importance to me. In order to combat this threat, Congress passed the *European Energy Security and Diversification Act of 2019 (Title XX, P.L. 116-94)*. This critical legislation directs the International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) to help our European partners develop and diversify their own energy sources.

Although there already exists extensive multilateral cooperation supporting many energy sectors, I am alarmed to hear that internal guidelines bar the DFC from cooperating on civil nuclear energy projects as a viable opportunity to diversify energy markets and strengthen transatlantic partnerships. To accomplish the objectives required by law, I strongly encourage the DFC should revisit current agency guidelines to foster a strong and competitive civil nuclear energy market in Europe.

American cooperation on nuclear projects ensures that the United States maintains a long-term footprint in the civilian nuclear power plants (NPP) of our allies. One NPP built by American companies guarantees over fifty years of American engineers servicing these locations. If the United States does not assist our allies, our strategic competitors, such as the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation, are ready to fill that void with substandard technology and safety oversight.

European energy markets have faced difficulties with diversification for many years. Supporting all sectors of energy production in Europe is crucial to promoting independence and creating a robust and competitive global energy market. The ability to engage and contribute to these markets ensures nations maintain their autonomy by reducing the exploitation caused by energy dependence.

A strong partnership focused on growing Europe's power generation through the use of a broad power mix—including zero-emission, fossil, and renewable energy sources—would be beneficial to the United States and our allies. Although civil nuclear energy projects are just one

aspect of a multifaceted approach, they play an outsized role in both combatting Russia's malign influence as well providing abundant, reliable, zero-emission power.

Thank you for your leadership of the International Development Finance Corporation. I stand ready to work with the DFC to ensure our European allies are secure in their energy needs. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'A' followed by a long horizontal stroke that tapers to the right.

Adam Kinzinger
Member of Congress