

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable John F. Kerry
Chairman, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
446 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-6225

Dear Chairman Kerry,

On December 20, 2010, the United States Senate provided its advice and consent on the New START Treaty. Sixteen months later, we are concerned that the conditions outlined by the Senate in the accompanying Resolution of Ratification have not been met by the administration.

Key to the support of many Senators were the statements and commitments made with regards to missile defense, nuclear modernization and conventional prompt global strike. In the intervening months since this body provided its advice and consent, the administration has not requested the funding required to meet our nuclear modernization needs, the administration appears prepared to negotiate away pieces of our missile defense plans and there is no clearer path on progress in achieving the other conditions and declarations outlined in the Resolution of Ratification.

To that end, we write to you today asking that the Senate Foreign Relations Committee conduct an oversight hearing, with the appropriate administration witnesses, to determine whether the administration has fully lived up to the expectations raised and commitments made in order to garner support for this important treaty.

Sincerely,



BOB CORKER



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cc: The Honorable Richard Lugar, Ranking Member, US Senate Committee on Foreign Relations