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The Honorable Richard Durbin  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Dick:

I would like to invite you and Loretta to participate in a congressional conference on ***U.S.-Russia Relations: Policy Challenges in a New Era***, May 28-June 3, 2018, in **Helsinki, Finland and Tallinn, Estonia**, during the Memorial Day recess. We have limited space and must hear from you proactively as soon as possible if you wish to participate.

A severely strained U.S.-Russia relationship continues to raise risks for U.S. national security. Accusations have been made that each country is violating the arms control framework that maintains stability between the world's two leading nuclear powers, while NATO and Russia have increased deployments and exercises in close proximity to one another. Casualties continue to rise in Ukraine and strict sanctions on Russia may remain in place for years to come. In response, Russia has deepened its ties with China and governments that share its hostility toward the U.S. Concerns about Russia's ongoing cyberattacks, information war and other meddling in the domestic politics of Western democracies underscore the difficulty and the stakes of managing U.S.-Russia conflict. All these issues and more will be analyzed in a comprehensive focus reflected on the attached agenda outline.

We will have a mix of contributors from Russia, the UK, Estonia, Finland and Ukraine as well as prominent American scholars to assist our discussions. Attendance is by invitation only, with no outside observers, lobbyists, or congressional staff. Funding is provided solely by grants from foundations—no government, individual, corporate or special interest funds are accepted.

Under guidelines established by the Senate Select Ethics Committee, we will provide you with a signed Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form affirming that no lobbyists fund this activity, that the Aspen Institute does not hire or retain lobbyists, and that no lobbyists will be present. Our purpose is education, not advocacy.

This program is designed for Members of both the Senate and the House. Please note that because the House has adopted rules that preclude registered lobbyists from attending our events, if your accompanying spouse or family member is a registered lobbyist, the rules would bar their participation.

Departure will be on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> and we will return on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Should you accept the invitation, it is required that you participate through the duration of the conference.

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of western sanctions against Russia, as well as the role of energy in the U.S.-Russia relationship and its policy implications.

**SATURDAY, June 2:**

6:00-6:30 am Breakfast is available

6:30 am Depart hotel for ferry dock

7:30 am Ferry departs Helsinki for Tallinn

7:30-9:30 am *On-Board Briefing*

**THE BALTIC FACTOR IN U.S.-RUSSIA RELATIONS**

Estonian resident and scholar Kadri Liik will lead a briefing in a private area on the ferry for Members of Congress to provide analysis of the perspective of the Baltic states in U.S.-Russia relations and implications for U.S. policy.

*Kadri Liik, Senior Policy Fellow, European Council on Foreign Relations, Tallinn*

9:30 am Arrive in Tallinn

10:30 am-12:30 pm *Remarks by the President of Estonia*

**A BALTIC VIEW OF U.S.-RUSSIA RELATIONS**

*Kersti Kaljulaid, President of Estonia*

12:30-2:30 pm *Working Luncheon*

Discussion continues between members of Congress and scholars on the challenges for the U.S. policy regarding Russia.

*2:20 pm Sen. Dick Durbin and his wife, Loretta Durbin, depart Helsinki at 2:20 pm On British Airways 6089 and arrive in Chicago at 3:35 pm.*

2:30-3:30 pm

**EDUCATIONAL WALK THROUGH HISTORIC TALLINN**

Estonian resident and scholar Kadri Liik will lead a walking educational visit through historic Tallinn, explaining the country's historic connections to both Russia and Europe and highlighting its current perspective on policy challenges as a NATO member which borders Russia.

*Kadri Liik, Senior Policy Fellow, European Council on Foreign Relations, Tallinn*

3:30 pm Depart city center for ferry dock

4:30-6:30 pm Return on Ferry to Helsinki

7:00 pm Arrive at hotel

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