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CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO FOREIGN
INTERFERENCE IN OR UNDERMINING PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN THE
UNITED STATES ELECTIONS

On September 12, 2018, by Executive Order 13848, I declared
a national emergency pursuant to the International Emergency
Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*) to deal with the
unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and
foreign policy of the United States constituted by the threat
of foreign interference in or undermining public confidence in
United States elections.

Although there has been no evidence of a foreign power
altering the outcomes or vote tabulation in any United States
election, foreign powers have historically sought to exploit
America's free and open political system. In recent years,
the proliferation of digital devices and internet-based
communications has created significant vulnerabilities and
magnified the scope and intensity of the threat of foreign
interference. The ability of persons located, in whole or in
substantial part, outside the United States to interfere in
or undermine public confidence in United States elections,
including through the unauthorized accessing of election and
campaign infrastructure or the covert distribution of propaganda

and disinformation, continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For this reason, the national emergency declared on September 12, 2018, must continue in effect beyond September 12, 2020. Therefore, in accordance with section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)), I am continuing for 1 year the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13848 with respect to the threat of foreign interference in or undermining public confidence in United States elections.

This notice shall be published in the *Federal Register* and transmitted to the Congress.

THE WHITE HOUSE,

September 10, 2020.

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