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MoJo Reader,

If there was ever any doubt how serious the Russia scandal is, it was obliterated when President Donald Trump fired FBI Director James Comey (and sent his spokespeople out to lie about the reasons).

This scandal is no longer just about how the Kremlin interfered in our election, and whether the Trump team merely winked and nodded or actively colluded with the attackers. Now, it's about whether the public's right to know the truth is more important than a powerful man's desire to keep it hidden.

Through our nation's history, from Teapot Dome to Watergate and Lewinskygate, the answer to that question has always, ultimately, been yes. Yes, the people deserve to know; yes, political advantage must yield to the truth.

But we don't know yet whether we can count on truth to prevail this time. We don't know whether the institutions of our government can withstand the White House's determination to sweep this scandal under the rug. (Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell made that clear within hours of Comey's firing, when he dismissed calls for an independent investigation.) There's just so much we don't know about the scandal.

So it's up to outside forces to do the digging—and that's why today I have a big announcement: **We're launching a new reporting project to dive deep on Trump's connections to Russia and foreign interests.** I hope you will be a part of it.

We're looking to [sign up 1,000 new sustaining donors with a tax-deductible donation of \\$15 a month to fund our reporting on this story.](#)

We know we can break critical stories on this beat, because we already have: *Mother Jones* was the first news organization to reveal the "Russia memos" from a former intelligence agent that are at the heart of this scandal. (We also were the only ones to do so before the election.)

You can read more about the project in our new piece, "[Now It's About Much More Than Trump and Russia.](#)" But if you are already onboard with the concept of a truly independent investigation, please pitch in with a [tax-deductible monthly](#) or [one-time](#) gift. **For every donor who steps up with a donation of \$15 or more each month, the Glaser Progress Foundation will match it with a \$50 gift to boost your impact.**

It's up to the public—all of us—to make sure truth prevails over power. There are many ways of doing that, from showing up at town halls to calmly reasoning with friends or relatives. For us as journalists, it's time to deploy every skill we've learned, from shoe-leather reporting to diving deep into data and documents. We have to be vigilant, stay focused, and stick with the story no matter where it leads.

As a reader-supported nonprofit, *MoJo* exists to do exactly that—and we will [double down on the job with your support.](#)

Digging into Trump's Russia connections and other foreign influence is going to take time and persistence. It won't be glamorous, and it won't generate quick content to gin up advertising revenue—which is why many news outlets can't do it. (There's more on the economics of the news business [here.](#)) So if you can, please [sign up as a monthly donor with a tax-deductible donation](#) (or make a [one-time gift](#)) to help us dig deep. For each new reader who gives \$15 or more, the Glaser Progress Foundation will kick in \$50, up to \$50,000 total.

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Sincerely,



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