



**Homeland  
Security**

MEMORANDUM FOR: Judge William Webster  
Chair, Homeland Security Advisory Council

FROM: Kirstjen M. Nielsen  
Secretary

SUBJECT: **Countering Foreign Influence Subcommittee**

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Pursuant to the September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 HSAC meeting, I instruct the Homeland Security Advisory Council (HSAC) to establish a new subcommittee titled the “Countering Foreign Influence Subcommittee” to provide recommendations regarding the following issues surrounding foreign influence campaigns:

The Countering Foreign Influence (CFI) Subcommittee will explore the evolving range of foreign influence threats against the United States and identify additional opportunities to counter them within DHS authorities. The subcommittee’s mandate will include, but is not necessary limited to, the following issues:

1. Identify DHS entities at the Headquarters and Component levels that currently or could have capabilities to counter foreign influence threats.
2. Provide recommendations for how DHS can best use its resources and authorities to actively counter foreign influence threats, as well as enhance the nation's preparedness for and resilience to such dangers.
3. Provide recommendations on how DHS could organize itself to prepare for and respond to future foreign influence campaigns, in what ways the Department should engage with governmental and non-governmental stakeholders, and on how to ensure proposed DHS activities fit into the wider U.S. government architecture for countering foreign influence.

These recommendations are due to the full Council no later than 180 days from the date of the subcommittee’s formation.

Thank you, in advance, for your work on these recommendations.

