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Hurricane Florence Disaster Relief and Recovery Information **Burr Statement on Facebook's Identification of Political Influence Campaign**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Senator Richard Burr (R-NC), Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, issued the following statement in response to Facebook's announcement that it has identified and removed accounts involved in a political influence campaign:

"I am glad to see that Facebook is taking a much-needed step toward limiting the use of their platform by foreign influence campaigns. The goal of these operations is to sow discord, distrust, and division in an attempt to undermine public faith in our institutions and our political system. The Russians want a weak America. There is still much that needs to be done to prevent and counter foreign interference on social media, however, and I look forward to discussing the issue further at tomorrow's Senate Intelligence Committee hearing."

Tomorrow, Wednesday, August 1st at 9:30 a.m., the Committee will hold an open hearing titled, "Foreign Influence on Social Media Platforms: Perspectives from Third-Party Social Media Experts." The hearing will be livestreamed here.