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The Honorable Harry Reid
Democratic Leader
United States Senate
S-221, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

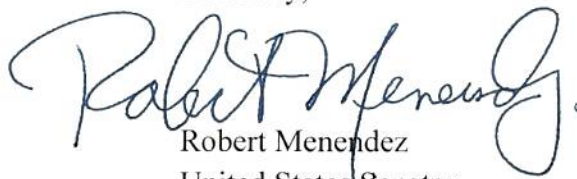
Dear Leader Reid:

I am hereby notifying you that I am temporarily stepping down as the Ranking Member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

While there is no caucus rule that dictates that I do so, I believe it is in the best interests of the Committee, my colleagues, and the Senate which is why I have chosen to do so.

I want to reaffirm our understanding that I will once again ascend to the Ranking Member position of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee upon the successful resolution of the allegations before me. I want to further affirm that during the pendency of these proceedings that I will retain my membership and seniority in the Committee, in which I intend to fully participate in, and pursue the issues that I have been passionate about.

Sincerely,


Robert Menendez
United States Senator