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January 17, 2019

The Honorable Steven Mnuchin  
Secretary of the Treasury  
U.S. Department of Treasury  
1500 Pennsylvania Ave, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Secretary Mnuchin:

As you are aware, it is the policy of the United States that Nicolás Maduro's claim to the Presidency of Venezuela does not enjoy constitutional legitimacy and the National Assembly is the only constitutionally legitimate government of Venezuela.

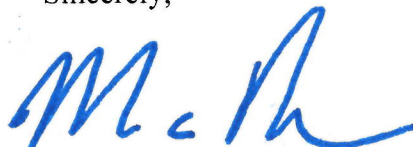
Earlier this week, the National Assembly of Venezuela passed legislation to protect Venezuela's assets abroad. The measure calls on 46 countries, including the United States,

*that have not recognized the legitimacy of Nicolás Maduro as head of state, to instruct their regulatory bodies to block access to bank accounts held by the Venezuelan state abroad and prohibit the transfer of liquid assets by the Venezuelan state, and also request private banks in those same countries to prohibit the transfer of funds to and from accounts controlled by the Venezuelan state.*

I therefore respectfully request your assistance in complying with the Venezuelan National Assembly's request. Furthermore, I urge you to use all tools available to prohibit the Maduro regime's further pillaging of assets that rightly belong to the Venezuelan people and its legitimate government by either holding them in a reserve or making them available to the National Assembly and to a legitimate transitional President as called for under that nation's constitution.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Marco Rubio  
U.S. Senator

CC: The Honorable Mike Pompeo, Secretary, U.S. Department of State