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Re: United States v. Sergei Potapenko and Ivan Turogin
USDC, W.D. Washington

The defendants, Sergei Potapenko and Ivan Turogin, have been charged with conspiracy to commit wire fraud, wire fraud and conspiracy to commit money laundering in federal court in Seattle. They are scheduled for trial on May 19, 2025. At this stage in a criminal prosecution, it is typical for our office to enter into discussions with the defense to determine whether the case can be resolved by a guilty plea short of trial. Guilty pleas are generally entered into as part of a plea agreement between the government and the defendant(s). As a crime victim, you have the right to provide input to the government before the government enters into any plea agreement with either of the defendants in this case. The government is not required to follow the instructions of the victims, but we do find victims' views helpful and take them into consideration when evaluating a potential plea agreement.

To provide you with this opportunity, we are scheduling a conference call with prosecutors, including Assistant United States Attorney Andrew Friedman. The conference will take place at **2:00 p.m. on Monday, January 27, 2025**. Instructions to call in to the meeting are listed below:

Phone Number: (202) 235-7900
Conference ID: 161 210 625#

At the beginning of the call, Andrew Friedman will provide a brief status update and will provide general information about the plea process. Following that discussion, victims will have the opportunity to provide any input they care to provide about a potential plea. You may provide that input orally (on the phone) or, alternatively, you may send an email to me at Pamela.Johnson2@usdoj.gov. If you plan to participate in the call, please let me know as soon as possible. In addition, if you already know that you would like to provide input during the call, please let me know that as well when you respond to this email. This will allow us to invite participants to speak one by one, which should make the call go more smoothly.

Yours truly,

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