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Mr. Sergey Naryshkin
Speaker of the Russian Parliament

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Honorable Mr. Speaker,

I write to express my alarm at the proposed legislation that threatens the independence of the Russian Academy of Sciences and its research institutes. The Russian Academy of Sciences is responsible for many spectacular successes of the science in Russia over several centuries. The whole world continues to benefit from the independence and creativity of the scientists doing cutting edge research at the RAS and its institutes. Please preserve and reinvigorate this great scientific tradition!

Sincerely yours,

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