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Dear President Hussey,

On behalf of Free Russia Foundation and members of the Russian community in the United States, we would like to draw your attention to an outrageous event that will take place at Texas A&M University on April 29, 2015: an online lecture by Alexander Dugin, a Russian ultra-nationalist. He is infamously known for his fascist views, hate speeches, calls for genocide and open support for unleashing the war by Russia in Eastern Ukraine. Mr. Dugin is currently under U.S. sanctions (Magnitsky list) and prohibited to visit the country due to his role in the Kremlin's propaganda war and support of Russia's military operations in Ukraine.

We strongly believe the presentation of Mr. Dugin shouldn't be held in such a respectful educational institution like Texas A&M University. We consider his words hate speech and justification of Putin's dictatorial regime. The fact that Mr. Dugin, who is merely the Kremlin's imperialism ideologist, would be speaking just a few steps from the Bush Presidential Library is offensive and a grotesque irony for the values of the free world and multinational American society. It also deeply insults the feelings of both Russian and Ukrainian Diasporas.

We would like to remind you that President George H. Bush was a big supporter of a young Russian democracy and made a great impact on the development of a strong partnership between Russia and the U.S. To the contrary, Mr. Dugin is a philosopher of hate, promoter of war, and hater of the United States and democratic values.

We express our deep outrage about Mr. Dugin's presentation and its possible implications. We urge you to take immediate action and cancel this shameful event in order to protect the reputation of your university.

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