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The Rt Hon Theresa May MP
The Prime Minister
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Dear Prime Minister

Threat to United States extractive industry mandatory reporting law

We write as UK members, the International Secretariat and other members of the global Publish What You Pay anti-corruption coalition, which has worked for many years for a more transparent and accountable extractives (oil, gas and mining) sector.

In light of your forthcoming visit to the United States, and your Government's strong anti-corruption commitments, we must alert you to a threat under the Congressional Review Act (CRA) to mandatory reporting in the United States. Certain US legislators are seeking to use the CRA to void the Cardin-Lugar anti-corruption rule (Dodd-Frank Act 2010, Section 1504), which requires oil, gas and mining companies publicly listed in the USA to publish their payments to governments.

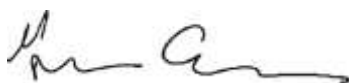
The first year of mandatory extractive company reporting in the United Kingdom, under the Reports on Payments to Governments Regulations, and the Disclosure and Transparency Rules, has been a real success. Similar laws exist throughout the European Union and in Canada and Norway, as well as in the USA.

It would be a serious setback for global efforts to achieve greater transparency and accountability in the extractive industries – progress that the UK Government has championed – if mandatory reporting legislation in the US were to be rolled back.

We urge you and your officials on your forthcoming visit to do everything possible to persuade your US counterparts and American legislators to ensure that the Cardin-Lugar anti-corruption rule (Dodd-Frank Section 1504) remains intact.

For further information, please ask your office to contact Miles Litvinoff, Coordinator, Publish What You Pay UK (mlitvinoff@pwyuk.org; 01442 825060; 07984 720103).

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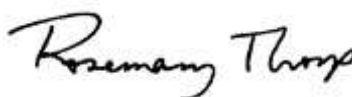
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