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Dear Friend,

[We cannot afford to wait for the leaders of the world to recognize what Russia is becoming – we must act now.](#)

“Foreign agents,” “Traitors,” and “Enemy of the State” sound like the posturing of a paranoid leadership desperate to stay in office – but make no mistake: Putin’s crackdown on civil society is serious. Sham trials and arbitrary prison sentences are on the rise, freedom of speech is shrinking, and our global leaders aren’t doing enough.


[Tell Secretary of State Kerry that we cannot afford to be silent.](#)

We cannot afford to let the Kremlin’s campaign against dissent and its suppression of civil liberties to continue unchallenged. We cannot afford to let the Russian government roll back the basic human rights of its people.

We cannot afford what comes next.

[Sign our petition to Secretary Kerry today.](#)

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael J. Burlingame".

Michael J. Burlingame  
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**SIGN THE PETITION**

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