

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Mr. Michal Strnad  
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Dear Mr. Strnad,

I write to you in response to your open letter of April 16, 2024, in which you attempt to address the concerns I raised in my correspondence with Secretary Janet Yellen regarding the sale of Vista Outdoor's Sporting Products business (a.k.a. "The Kinetic Group") to the Czechoslovak Group (CSG).

While I appreciate your effort to clarify CSG's record, your letter failed to allay my concerns. Rather than supply any evidence to disprove them, you dismissed them as "nonsense." The implicit contention of your letter seems to be that Secretary Yellen should ignore my concerns because of your unsubstantiated assertions and CSG's record of "cooperation" with American defense contractors and "private support[] of the Ukrainian militate [sic] effort." That is unacceptable.

I am hardly alone in being concerned about your purchase of The Kinetic Group. Since I wrote to Secretary Yellen, my colleagues Senator John Kennedy and Representative Clay Higgins have expressed their concern about the national security implications about the transaction, including your ties to foreign adversaries. Our concerns can and should be addressed through careful oversight and transparency. They cannot be dismissed as you imply.

To that end, I challenge CSG to attest publicly to its full and complete disclosure to all relevant U.S. regulatory bodies. The American people have a right to know that all relevant information has been shared and thoroughly scrutinized given the potential national security implications of the transaction in question.

Sincerely,



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JD VANCE  
United States Senator