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Ms. Saule Omarova
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Dear Ms. Omarova:

For the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs to fully assess the fitness of individuals to serve in Senate-confirmed executive and independent agency positions,¹ the Committee requires nominees to submit all “books, articles, reports, and other published materials [one has] written.”

Therefore, I write today seeking a copy of your thesis, “Karl Marx’s Economic Analysis and the Theory of Revolution in *The Capital*,” which you wrote as a student at Moscow State University on the V.I. Lenin Personal Academic Scholarship. While it appears that you have deleted any reference to your thesis in the version of your curriculum vitae (CV) that is currently available on the Cornell Law School website, the paper appeared on your CV as recently as April 2017.²

Given that your thesis was written while you were a student at Moscow State University in the late 1980s, I assume that it was written in Russian and will require translation. To ensure there is adequate time for translation and review by lawmakers, my Committee staff reached out to both you and staff at the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) requesting a copy last month. Unfortunately, we have not received any assurances that the Committee would receive a copy of the paper in a timely fashion.

¹ White House Press Release, *President Biden Announces Key Nominations for Financial Regulation and Investor Protection* (Sept. 23, 2021), <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/09/23/president-biden-announces-key-nominations-for-financial-regulation-and-investor-protection/>.

² *Compare* Curriculum Vitae of Saule Omarova (Sept. 16, 2021), available at https://ww3.lawschool.cornell.edu/faculty/faculty_cvs/Omarova.pdf, with Curriculum Vitae of Saule Omarova (April 4, 2017), available at https://web.archive.org/web/20170614152156/http://ww3.lawschool.cornell.edu/faculty/faculty_cvs/Omarova.pdf.

Accordingly, I formally request that you provide a copy of the original Russian-language thesis to the Committee, along with an English version if one exists, no later than the close of business on October 13, 2021.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pat Toomey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "P".

Pat Toomey
Ranking Member

cc: The Honorable Sherrod Brown, Chairman, Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Michael J. Hsu, Acting Comptroller of the Currency, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency