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Mr. Arrington: *Unfortunately, for the country, our allies, and interests, and for the entire world order, President Biden continues to be inexcusably feckless in his response to global threats from our adversaries.*

Now, in the moment of truth, when America can send a clear and unequivocal message to dictators and democracies alike by banning Russian oil imports to the U.S., the President has failed once again to rise to the occasion.

This half-measured response would remove the commonsense conditions for lifting the ban like Russia's full and immediate withdrawal from Ukraine and their ceasing to threaten other NATO countries.

But the most egregious aspect of this proposal is that the President and Democrat leadership refused to revoke Russia's permanent normal trade relations status, which will continue to allow them low-tariff access to the U.S. market—a privilege only allies of freedom should receive.

Consistent with Biden's timid response thus far, these hollow measures will not only fail to deter Vladimir Putin but will invite other tyrants around the world to follow suit.

I implore the Senate to do what President Biden and House Democrats seem incapable of—unload the full force of America's economic arsenal on Vladimir Putin.