



Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission Briefing

Magnitsky 101

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Panelists



William Browder is the founder and CEO of Hermitage Capital Management. He was the largest foreign investor in Russia until November 2005, when he was suddenly denied entry to the country and declared “a threat to national security” by the Russian government for exposing corruption at large Russian companies. Since 2009 when his lawyer, Sergei Magnitsky, died in a Russian prison after uncovering a US\$230 million fraud committed by Russian government officials, Browder has been leading a global campaign to expose the corruption and human rights abuses endemic in Russia. Mr. Browder has recently published a book, a New York Times bestseller entitled Red Notice: A True Story of High Finance, Murder, and One Man’s Fight for Justice, which recounts his experience in Russia and his ongoing fight for justice for Sergei Magnitsky. Before founding Hermitage, Browder was Vice-President at Salomon Brothers. He holds a BA (Honours) in Economics from the University of Chicago and an MBA from Stanford Business School. (Photo: © Peter Lindbergh, Paris, 2014)



Kyle Parker is a member of the professional staff of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the U.S. House of Representatives where he oversees the Department of State’s Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs. Prior to his service in Congress, Kyle spent eight years on the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (aka U.S. Helsinki Commission) where he was Chairman Benjamin Cardin’s policy lead on the Sergei Magnitsky Rule of Law Accountability Act. From 1998 to 2006, Kyle worked in the non-profit sector promoting relations with the countries of the former Soviet Union through high-level political exchanges and Track II diplomacy. Kyle speaks fluent Russian and is a graduate of the University of Maine.



Dr. Daniel Calingaert is executive vice president at Freedom House. In this role, he oversees Freedom House's contributions to policy debate on democracy and human rights issues and outreach to the U.S. Congress, foreign governments, media, and Freedom House supporters. He previously supervised Freedom House's civil society and media programs worldwide. He contributes frequently to policy and media discussions on democracy issues, including internet freedom, elections, authoritarian regimes, and democracy assistance. He also has taught at Georgetown University's Master of Arts (M.A.) Program in Democracy and Governance, Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies, and American University's School of Public Affairs. Prior to joining Freedom House, Dr. Calingaert was Associate Director of American University's Center for Democracy and Election Management and Associate Director of the Commission on Federal Election Reform, which was co-chaired by Jimmy Carter and James A. Baker, III. He served as Director for Asia and as Deputy Director for Eastern Europe at the International Republican Institute (IRI), where he designed and managed a wide range of democracy promotion programs. These programs strengthened civil society, parliaments, governance, political parties, and elections in more than a dozen countries. Dr. Calingaert began his career as a researcher at the RAND Corporation and later directed programs for the Civic Education Project to reform social science education at universities across Eastern Europe and Eurasia. He graduated with highest honors in International Relations from Tufts University and earned his Master in Philosophy (M.Phil.) and Doctor of Philosophy (D.Phil.) from Oxford University.