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October 24, 2025

William F. Gifford, Jr.
Chief Executive Officer
Altria Group Inc.
6601 W. Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23230

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410 Terry Avenue N.
Seattle, WA 98109

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Chief Executive Officer
Apple Inc.
1 Apple Park Way
Cupertino, CA 95014

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President and Chief Executive Officer
Booz Allen Hamilton Inc.
8283 Greensboro Drive
McLean, VA 22102

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October 24, 2025

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October 24, 2025

Enrique Lores
Chief Executive Officer
HP Inc.
1501 Page Mill Road
Palo Alto, CA 94304

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Meta Platforms
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Menlo Park, CA 94025

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Micron Technology Inc.
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Boise, ID 83716

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October 24, 2025

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Juno Beach, FL 33408

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Denver, CO 80206

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Brad Garlinghouse
Chief Executive Officer
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600 Battery Street
San Francisco, CA 94111

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October 24, 2025

Paolo Ardoino
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1400 Douglas Street
Omaha, NE 68179

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Bridgehampton, NY

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Dublin, OH

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 - 5. Please provide a list of all lobbying contacts you or anyone working on your behalf has made with the White House, or any executive agency, since January 20, 2025, including the date and subject matter of each meeting.

Please contact the Subcommittee if you have any questions about responding to these requests. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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cc: The Honorable Ron Johnson
Chairman
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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON
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WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6250

October 24, 2025

Tyler Winklevoss
New York, NY

Dear Mr. Winklevoss:

On July 31, 2025, President Trump announced plans to construct a new ballroom on White House grounds, promising at the time that the new structure would preserve the historic White House. President Trump declared that the new ballroom “won’t interfere with the current building. It’ll be near it, but not touching.”¹ Yet earlier this week—without advance notice to Congress or the public—the entire East Wing of the White House was demolished to make way for the President’s new ballroom.² Photos of construction crews leveling the most iconic residence in America shocked the public and prompted alarm among historians and preservationists about what irreplaceable American heritage may have been lost.³ Furthermore, the President’s initial announcement projected that the ballroom would cost \$200 million, but an updated estimate provided this week stated that the costs had already ballooned 50%, and are now expected to reach \$300 million, an amount that the President has said will come entirely from private donations.⁴ You have been identified as one of the donors to this project.⁵ Pursuant to Senate Rule XXV of the Standing Rules of the Senate and Senate Resolution 94 (119th Cong.), Section 12, I write to request information regarding the terms of this donation.

The President’s East Wing demolition project has deviated in many ways from the procedures used for prior White House renovations.⁶ The use of private donations to fund this project raises questions that Americans deserve to have answered. Many of the donors have deep

¹ Jonathan Edwards, *Trump plans \$200M ballroom he’s long sought in East Wing expansion*, WASH. POST (July 31, 2025), <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2025/07/31/trump-ballroom-east-wing-overhaul/>.

² Aaron Blake, *Why Trump’s sudden East Wing demolition is extraordinary — and dicey*, CNN (Oct. 22, 2025), <https://www.cnn.com/2025/10/22/politics/white-house-east-wing-demolition-trump/>.

³ Zachary Small and Ashley Wu, *Architects Urged a Review of Trump’s Ballroom. Cue the Demolition Crew.*, N.Y. TIMES (Oct. 21, 2025), <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/10/21/arts/design/trump-ballroom-architects-review.html>.

⁴ Dan Diamond and Cat Zakrzewski, *Trump defends East Wing demolition, raises ballroom price to \$300 million*, WASH. POST (Oct. 22, 2025), <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2025/10/22/trump-white-house-ballroom/>.

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⁶ *Id.*; Bryan Gottlieb, *White House Ballroom Build Advances as Oversight Gaps Emerge*, ENR EAST (Oct. 21, 2025) <https://www.enr.com/articles/61651-white-house-ballroom-build-advances-as-oversight-gaps-emerge>.

financial, business, or other personal interests before the Administration.⁷ Such concerns have been amplified by the lack of transparency surrounding the President's plans, including until recently, the identity of those donors. While the White House published a list of donors on October 23, 2025, many questions remain about the amount of each contribution, the agreement reached with each contributor, and what promises may have been or may yet be made in exchange for what presumably will be substantial contributions.⁸ The American people are entitled to all the relevant facts about who is funding the most substantial construction project at the White House in recent history.

As one of the individuals or entities identified by the White House as a donor to the East Wing demolition and ballroom construction, you possess critical information about the Administration's management of this project, how your contribution was obtained, and what President Trump or his representatives may have agreed to provide in exchange. To assist the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations in its inquiry into the financing of the demolition of the East Wing and construction of the ballroom, please preserve all documents, records,⁹ and communications¹⁰ related to your contributions to the White House Ballroom project, and provide the following information by November 7, 2025:

1. Please list all White House personnel or other representatives or associates of the Trump Administration or Trump family with whom you have spoken about the donation.
 - a. Please identify the individual or individuals who solicited your donation, including the date(s) of any and all solicitations.
 - b. Please describe the scope and nature of the discussions or negotiations with each individual listed.
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