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VIA EMAIL

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Dear Mr. Baszucki:

Since July 2025, President Trump has solicited at least \$300 million in private donations to build what has been presented to donors and the public as “the President Donald J. Trump Ballroom.”¹ On October 15, 2025, President Trump held a dinner to raise funds for the project.² However, you did not appear on a donor list that the White House released to the public several days later.³ I appreciated your candor and transparency at our recent meeting, in acknowledging that you were among the guests in attendance at that dinner and that you made a \$5 million contribution to the ballroom project in your personal capacity. I have several additional questions about the circumstances surrounding your donation. Accordingly, pursuant to Senate Rule XXV of the Standing Rules of the Senate and Senate Resolution 94 (119th Cong.), Section 12, I write to formally request further information regarding the circumstances surrounding your donation to the East Wing demolition and ballroom project and why this was not previously disclosed.

When President Trump announced the ballroom project in July 2025, he assured the American public that the new ballroom “won’t interfere with the current building. It’ll be near it, but not touching.”⁴ Yet in October—without advance notice to Congress or the public—the entire

¹ Kenneth P. Vogel, *Trump’s Team Offers to Keep Some Ballroom Donors Incognito*, N.Y. TIMES (Nov. 1, 2025), <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/11/01/us/politics/trumps-team-offers-to-keep-some-ballroom-donorsincognito.html>.

² Zolan Kanno-Youngs, *Trump Hosts Dinner for Wealthy Donors to White House Ballroom*, N.Y. TIMES (Oct. 15, 2025), <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/10/15/us/politics/trump-white-house-dinner-ballroom-donors.html>.

³ Kit Maher, Jake Tapper, & Alejandra Jaramillo, *White House releases list of donors for Trump’s multi-million-dollar ballroom*, CNN (Oct. 23, 2025), <https://www.cnn.com/2025/10/23/politics/ballroom-donors-white-house-trump>.

⁴ 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/>.

East Wing of the White House was demolished to make way for the new ballroom.⁵ 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.⁶

The use of private donations to fund this project raises questions that Americans deserve to have answered. Many of the donors have deep financial, business, or other personal interests before the Administration.⁷ Many questions remain about the fundraising for this project, including exactly who donated or pledged to donate, the amount of each contribution, the agreement reached with each contributor, what promises may have been or may yet be made in exchange for what presumably will be substantial contributions, and why the White House chose to allow donors to remain anonymous and then lie to the public about that fact.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 an attendee at the October 15 dinner and donor to the project, you possess critical information about the Administration's solicitation of donations, its management of this project, why your donation was not publicly disclosed, 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 new ballroom, please preserve all documents, records,⁹ and communications¹⁰ related to your attendance at the October 15 dinner as well as your contribution to the White House Ballroom project, and provide the following information by January 7, 2026:

1. Was the amount of your contribution suggested to you by the President, Trump Administration officials, or other individuals representing or otherwise affiliated with the President or his family?

⁵ 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>.

⁶ 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-architectsreview.html>; 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>.

⁷ Cat Zakrzewski and Jonathan Edwards, *Trump wants a White House ballroom. These companies are funding it.*, WASH. POST (Oct. 15, 2025), <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2025/10/15/trump-ballroomdonations-companies/>.

⁸ Victoria Bisset, *Here are the donors contributing to Trump's White House ballroom*, WASH. POST (Oct. 24, 2025), <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2025/10/24/trump-white-house-ballroom-donors-list/>.

⁹ For purposes of this request, "records" include any written, recorded, or graphic material of any kind, including letters, memoranda, reports, notes, electronic data (emails, email attachments, and any other electronically-created or stored information), direct messages, chats, calendar entries, inter-office communications, meeting minutes, phone/voice mail or recordings/records of verbal communications, and drafts (whether or not they resulted in final documents).

¹⁰ For purposes of this request, "communications" include any records, as defined above, transmitted in any way between two or more individuals or entities.

- a. If not, how did you determine the amount you contributed?
 - b. Did you receive any documentation memorializing your donation or otherwise providing a receipt for the funds that you provided? If so, please provide a copy of that documentation.
2. Please identify the individual or individuals who invited you to the dinner, including the date(s) of any and all communications.
 - a. Please describe the scope and nature of the discussions with each individual listed.
3. Please list all White House personnel or other representatives or associates of the Trump Administration or Trump family with whom you have spoken about your attendance at the October 15, 2025 dinner or about a donation or pledge.
 - a. Please identify any 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.
4. Did you enter into any formal agreement or other written terms in connection with the donation that you have made? If so, please produce a copy of that agreement.
5. Did the White House offer you a choice for whether your name would appear on the list of donors released by the White House?
 - a. If so, why did you choose to have your name remain anonymous?
6. Please provide a list of all lobbying contacts you or anyone working for your company or 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.

Sincerely,



Richard Blumenthal
Ranking Member
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

cc: The Honorable Ron Johnson
Chairman
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