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VIA EMAIL

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Dear Mr. Cafaro and Mr. George,

I write regarding troubling reports concerning a no-bid contract awarded to Greenwater Services (“Greenwater”) to install a water purification system in the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool.¹ Reports detail that, like the contracts awarded for so many of President Trump’s recent vanity projects, Greenwater received the contract through a no-bid process and that Greenwater has previous ties to President Trump through John J. Cafaro, a donor to the President and neighbor of Mar-a-Lago.² The apparently flawed work undertaken by Greenwater has failed to prevent algae blooms from immediately recurring in the Reflecting Pool.³ This sequence of events once again raises troubling questions about whether excess taxpayer dollars are being diverted to President Trump’s manifestly unqualified friends and associates, resulting in shoddy care for our nation’s landmarks at an enormous expense to taxpayers.

The scant public details regarding this contract, the sequence of events which have led to algae almost immediately covering the Reflecting Pool when it was refilled, and Mr. Cafaro’s connections to President Trump and his history of bribery demand a full, public accounting. Greenwater was awarded a federal contract in April 2026, but information regarding its connection to the work at the Reflecting Pool only emerged in June.⁴ According to reports, the Reflecting Pool was apparently filled before Greenwater had installed a permanent filtration system in place, a curious decision which unsurprisingly led to algae almost immediately taking over.⁵ And Mr. Cafaro, who pled guilty to conspiracy to bribe a Congressman in 2001, has donated to President Trump for at least a decade.⁶

¹ David Fahrenthold, *Firm Tied to Trump Donor Got No-Bid Contract to Clean Reflecting Pool*, N.Y. Times (June 18, 2026), <https://www.nytimes.com/2026/06/18/us/politics/trump-donor-contract-reflecting-pool.html>.

² *Id.*

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ *Id.*

The American people deserve to know whether taxpayer dollars are being used to reward the President's preferred partners and damage national landmarks. To assist the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations in its inquiry, please preserve all documents, records,⁷ and communications⁸ related to Greenwater's participation in the work on the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool, and please provide specific responses to the following questions by July 8, 2026:

1. Have you entered into any agreement, formal or informal, to receive work from the federal government at above market prices in exchange for a reduced fee for work on the Reflecting Pool or any other project?
2. How did you become aware of the opportunity to participate in renovations to the Reflective Pool?
3. Did you submit any materials as a part of the bidding process or prior to being selected to participate in the renovations to the Reflecting Pool? Please provide all materials that you submitted.
4. What are the terms of the agreement(s) you entered regarding the renovations to the Reflecting Pool? Please provide a copy of any and all agreements you have entered into with the National Park Service, the White House, or any other federal entity as part of your work on renovations to the Reflecting Pool.
5. Please produce all cost estimates for the renovations to the Reflecting Pool Park prepared to date. To the extent that cost projections change over time, please provide updates on a monthly basis through completion of the project.
6. When were the initial plans for the renovations to the Reflecting Pool submitted and approved?
7. Has Greenwater previously completed any projects similar to the renovations to the Reflecting Pool?
 - a. If so, please provide a detailed description of each project, your company's role, and the date or estimated date of completion.
8. Did you install any filtration system in the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool prior to it being refilled with water? Why was the decision made to not have a permanent system in place prior to refilling the Reflecting Pool?

⁷ 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).

⁸ For purposes of this request, "communications" include any records, as defined above, transmitted in any way between two or more individuals or entities.

9. Since 2010, have you and/or any of your subsidiaries or affiliates participated in the construction of any properties owned or licensed by The Trump Organization, Inc., or any of their affiliates or subsidiaries, or do you have plans to bid on or otherwise participate in the construction of any Trump-affiliated properties?
 - a. If so, please list each project and include your company's role, the date or estimated date of completion, and how much your company was or will be compensated in total for its participation.

Please contact the Subcommittee if you have any questions about responding to these requests.

Sincerely,



Richard Blumenthal
Ranking Member
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

cc: The Honorable Ron Johnson
Chairman
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations