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October 20, 2026

Charlie Ergen
Co-founder, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer
EchoStar Corporation
9601 S Meridian Blvd.
Englewood, CO 80112

Dear Mr. Ergen:

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Isabela Herrera
Pinecrest, FL 33156

Dear Ms. Herrera:

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October 20, 2026

Jason Miller
Arlington, Virginia 22207

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Arjun Sethi
Co-CEO
Kraken
106 E. Lincolnway, 4th Floor
Cheyenne, WY 82001

Dear Mr. Sethi:

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October 20, 2026

Jeff Miller
Miller Strategies LLC
801 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 350
Washington, D.C. 20004

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Marc Benioff
Chair, Chief Executive Officer, and Co-Founder
Salesforce
415 Mission Street, 3rd Floor
San Francisco, CA 94105

Dear Mr. Benioff:

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October 20, 2026

Tony & Maria Sayegh
Bronxville, NY, 10708

Dear Mr. and Ms. Sayegh:

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October 20, 2026

Connie S. Smith
President
SCS Smith Family Foundation
Foundation Source, 501 Silverside Rd.
Wilmington, DE 19809

Dear Ms. Smith:

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October 20, 2026

Bill McDermott
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
ServiceNow
2225 Lawson Lane,
Santa Clara, CA 95054

Dear Mr. McDermott:

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Amb. Joseph Popolo Jr.
Popolo Family Foundation
3899 Maple Ave # 100
Dallas, TX 75219

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Chuck Robbins
Chair and Chief Executive Officer
Cisco Systems
170 West Tasman Drive
San Jose, California 95134

Dear Mr. Robbins:

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Max Haot
Chief Executive Officer
Vast, Inc.
2851 Orange Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90806

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October 20, 2026

Paul Singer
Paul E. Singer Foundation
40 West 57th Street, 26th Floor
New York, NY 10019

Dear Mr. Singer:

Since last year, President Trump has solicited over $300 million in private donations to build what he has termed "the President Donald J. Trump Ballroom."[1] Recent reporting reveals that you have contributed $5 million to the President's centerpiece vanity project.[2] I have previously written to dozens of companies and individuals who have given millions to the ballroom. Many have apparently attempted to keep their contributions secret, and have deep financial, business, or other personal interests before the Trump Administration.[3] The aggressive fundraising push by the President's advisors suggests possible conflicts of interest and even corruption, and raises questions that Americans deserve to have answered. Particularly, what promises may have been made in exchange for substantial donations and why donors chose to remain anonymous.[4]

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 recently identified by the Washington Post as an anonymous donor to the President's ballroom, 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.

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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 you have made to the White House ballroom.

    a. Please identify the individual or individuals who solicited your donation, including the date(s) of any and all solicitations.

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2. How did you determine the amount to contribute to the White House ballroom?

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Honest Leadership Coalition

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