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Mr. Rigas and Mr. Scavino:

We are deeply disturbed by reports that the Trump Administration has authorized the appointment of Paul Ingrassia as the General Services Administration's (GSA) deputy general counsel – one of the highest positions of public trust and responsibility at the agency.¹ It is shocking that GSA and the Office of Presidential Personnel (PPO) moved forward with this appointment less than a month after President Trump withdrew Mr. Ingrassia's nomination to lead the Office of Special Counsel (OSC).² Let us be clear; Mr. Ingrassia's continued employment in the U.S. government is unacceptable. His appointment betrays the trust of every American, including those who Mr. Ingrassia has so brazenly disparaged. We demand the immediate removal of Paul Ingrassia from the General Services Administration and from consideration for any other position in this Administration.

Days prior to his scheduled confirmation hearing before the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee to lead OSC, public reports revealed that Mr. Ingrassia had admitted, "I do have a Nazi streak in me from time to time," among other deeply offensive remarks.³ He has also repeatedly called Hamas' October 7th killing of 1,200 Israelis a "psyop" and stated that "the descendants of slaves [should] pay reparations to the descendants of slave

¹ *Trump taps Ingrassia for new role after texting scandal*, Politico (Nov. 13, 2025) (www.politico.com/news/2025/11/13/trump-ingrassia-gsa-texts-00651340).

² PN345-9, Nomination of Paul Ingrassia to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel; *Trump nominee says MLK Jr. holiday belongs in 'hell' and that he has 'Nazi' streak, according to texts*, Politico (Oct. 20, 2025) (www.politico.com/news/2025/10/20/paul-ingrassia-racist-text-messages-nazi-00613608).

³ *Trump nominee says MLK Jr. holiday belongs in 'hell' and that he has 'Nazi' streak, according to texts*, Politico (Oct. 20, 2025) (www.politico.com/news/2025/10/20/paul-ingrassia-racist-text-messages-nazi-00613608).

owners.”⁴ These are just a few of the hundreds of Mr. Ingrassia’s statements directing hatred and discrimination towards women and Black, Asian, Muslim, Jewish, and Indian Americans, among others. Mr. Ingrassia was also reportedly the subject of a sexual harassment complaint after a July 2025 work trip, during which he allegedly cancelled a female colleague’s hotel reservation so they would have to share a room.⁵

Recently, Mr. Ingrassia was involved in another scandal. He reportedly intervened in a law enforcement investigation into alleged sex trafficker Andrew Tate by allegedly requesting on behalf of the White House that law enforcement return seized devices from Tate and his brother.⁶ An official involved in the matter said of Mr. Ingrassia’s actions: “It was so offensive to what we’re all here to do, to uphold the law and protect the American people... We don’t want to be seen as handing out favors.”⁷ Mr. Ingrassia has shown that he will use his power to advance interests of alleged sex traffickers and antisemites. He cannot be trusted to hold any government position.

In response to questions from Ranking Members Peters about Mr. Ingrassia’s appointment, GSA claimed they were “not privy” to the reasons Mr. Ingrassia’s nomination was withdrawn “nor the situations around his prior appointments. GSA is always looking for individuals who can help advance our mission.”⁸ Given Mr. Ingrassia’s very limited legal experience and his lengthy and public record of abhorrent statements, it is absurd to say his appointment advances GSA’s mission. GSA’s failure to vet Mr. Ingrassia is unacceptable and calls into question the Administration’s purported efforts to combat antisemitism. It is unclear how GSA would not be aware of Mr. Ingrassia’s past, especially given the volume of news around his nomination and the fact that Mr. Ingrassia was scheduled to appear alongside the GSA nominee before his nomination was withdrawn.

The PPO is responsible for overseeing and reviewing the selection of over 4,000 political appointees to the top positions in the federal government. Mr. Ingrassia’s initial appointment to lead OSC and his subsequent appointment to GSA reveal a pattern of gross negligence and incompetence of this administration’s PPO. It is unclear why this office has moved forward with Mr. Ingrassia’s appointment after President Trump himself withdrew his nomination. Mr. Ingrassia’s reappointment to a senior position embraces the very hatred this Administration proports to combat. To the contrary, the Trump Administration’s continued support for Mr.

⁴ Paul Ingrassia, X Post (Oct. 8, 2023) (x.com/PaulIngrassia/status/1711033657065132504?s=20); Paul Ingrassia, X Post (May 21, 2023) (x.com/PaulIngrassia/status/1660323766411436033).

⁵ *Key Trump nominee accused of sexual harassment*, Politico (Oct. 9, 2025) (www.politico.com/news/2025/10/09/ingrassia-trump-harassment-dhs-00596545).

⁶ *The White House Intervened on Behalf of Accused Sex Trafficker Andrew Tate During a Federal Investigation*, Propublica (Nov. 18, 2025) (www.propublica.org/article/andrew-tate-investigation-dhs-paul-ingrassia).

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ Email from HSGAC Minority Staff to GSA (Nov. 14, 2025) (Nov. 17, 2025).

Ingrassia and its multiple attempts to find a place for him in this government betray a concerning willingness to support and, intended or not, promote his extremist, misogynist, and antisemitic views. Last month, the Coast Guard published and has still not removed a document changing the reference of Swastikas and nooses – known hateful symbols – to merely “potentially divisive” only further strengthening the pattern of support for antisemitism and racism within this administration.⁹

Mr. Ingrassia’s reappointment also demonstrates a disregard for Congress; as a bipartisan coalition of Senators, supported by more than 36 organizations, would not support Mr. Ingrassia’s nomination. The Administration should act immediately to affirm that it will not condone this hate and discrimination in our government.

Briefing: By **December 9, 2025**, we request a briefing with Mr. Rigas, Mr. Scavino, and any other officials involved in vetting and reviewing Mr. Ingrassia’s appointment.

Questions: Please return answers to the questions below by **6pm on December 12, 2025:**

General Services Administration:

1. Mr. Rigas, please describe in detail your involvement in Mr. Ingrassia’s appointment to this position (please include the date you were made aware of this).
2. Did you approve of Mr. Ingrassia serving as your deputy general counsel? If so, what qualifications did you review that make Mr. Ingrassia fit to serve in this role?
3. Since his appointment, have you communicated any concerns about Mr. Ingrassia to PPO or the President?
4. Do you believe antisemitism, misogyny, and racism have any place at GSA and are you aware of Mr. Ingrassia’s antisemitic, misogynistic, and racist remarks or conduct?
5. Are you aware of Mr. Ingrassia’s statements in Question #12?
 - a. Will you require Mr. Ingrassia to recuse himself from any personnel or legal matters involving individuals who share identities that Mr. Ingrassia has shown discrimination towards, including women, Black, Asian, Muslim, Jewish, and Indian Americans?

Office of Presidential Personnel:

Ingrassia’s appointment at GSA:

1. What date was Mr. Ingrassia appointed to GSA as deputy general counsel?

⁹ United States Coast Guard, *Harassing Behavior Prevention, Response, and Accountability*, (COMDTINST 5350.6A) (Nov. 2025).

2. Who recommended Mr. Ingrassia to serve as deputy general counsel at GSA?
3. Who at PPO vetted Mr. Ingrassia and why did PPO believe Mr. Ingrassia was qualified to become deputy general counsel, after President Trump withdrew his nomination less than a month ago?
4. Please describe, in detail, the process for vetting Paul Ingrassia, who was nominated to lead the Office of Special Counsel (OSC) and then appointed as deputy general counsel for GSA (please describe each vetting and review process step).
 - a. What specific qualifications does Mr. Ingrassia have to serve as deputy general counsel at GSA? Did you review Mr. Ingrassia's social media posts as part of the vetting process?
5. What is your understanding of why President Trump withdrew his nomination of Paul Ingrassia?
6. What information about Mr. Ingrassia did you communicate to GSA (including reasons for appointment and background on his qualifications) before Mr. Ingrassia was appointed as deputy general counsel?

PPO's Vetting Process:

7. Please describe in detail the process for vetting candidates for these positions at PPO, including descriptions of the types of background on a candidate that would disqualify them from serving in the administration.
8. How did your office respond when you were made aware that Paul Ingrassia had engaged in antisemitic, misogynistic, and racist conduct?
9. What was Paul Ingrassia's role in vetting or recommending individuals at PPO?

Paul Ingrassia's Conduct and Background:


10. Did you know that the longest Mr. Ingrassia has ever worked at one job continuously is 13 months?
11. Has PPO approved of other appointees or nominees who have expressed support for Nazi ideology?

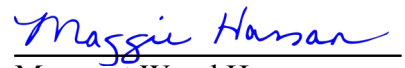
12. Did you view any of these below tweets/texts/activity as part of your vetting for Mr. Ingrassia's nomination (please respond "yes" or "no" to each one)? If yes, please describe how this statement is consistent with the administration's priorities:

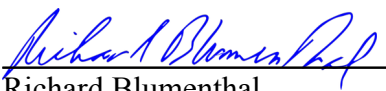
- a. Were you aware that Mr. Ingrassia shared in a group chat with other Republicans, in which someone wrote that Mr. Ingrassia "belongs in the Hitler Youth"? Mr. Ingrassia responded: "I do have a Nazi streak in me from time to time, I will admit it."
- b. Were you aware that, in this same group chat, Mr. Ingrassia wrote, "No moulignon holidays... From kwanza [sic] to mlk jr day to black history month to Juneteenth. Every single one needs to be eviscerated." On this same chain, referring to Republican presidential candidate Vivek Ramaswamy in January 2024, he wrote: "Never trust a chinaman or Indian. NEVER."
- c. Were you aware that one month after he allegedly made the Nazi comment, Mr. Ingrassia attended a rally for Nick Fuentes, a known antisemite?
- d. Were you aware Mr. Ingrassia posted on X that "descendants of slaves [should] pay reparations to the descendants of slave owners"?
- e. Were you aware that – on the same day that Hamas invaded Israel and murdered more than 1,200 people – Mr. Ingrassia posted that "the amount of energy everyone has put into condemning Hamas... over the past 24 hours should be same amount of energy we put into condemning our wide open border, which is a war comparable to the attack on Israel in terms of bloodshed."
- f. Were you aware that just one day later, Mr. Ingrassia called the Oct. 7 Hamas attack a "psyop" (short for psychological operation) designed to distract Americans from celebrating Columbus Day (which he reaffirmed in a post one week later saying, "Israel/Palestine, much like Ukraine before it... was yet another psyop."
- g. Were you aware Mr. Ingrassia posted "exceptional white men are not only the builders of Western civilization but are the ones most capable of appreciating the fruits of our heritage."
- h. Were you aware a DHS official accused Mr. Ingrassia of sexual harassment in July 2025?

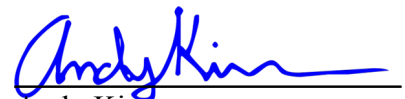
- i. Were you aware Mr. Ingrassia referred to Nikki Haley as an “insufferable bitch” and posted that former Vice President Kamala Harris should “seek a kitchen job.”
- j. Are you aware Mr. Ingrassia described Congressional Republicans “like chickens without the executive leading them...unless they have [President Trump] in charge, they really don’t know what to do with themselves... I don’t put that much faith in Congress...in terms of the three branches of government, it’s the least important now. Especially with the Trump Administration.... Congress is basically hopeless.” He also called 80-90% of Republicans in Congress RINO’s (Republicans in name only) and said they “really need to be beaten into shape.” Mr. Ingrassia posted racist comments against Senator Tim Scott and Congressman Byron Donalds on X, writing that they are “mediocrities and should never get close to the levers of power.”
- k. Are you aware of recent reports indicating that Mr. Ingrassia intervened in law enforcement activity related to Andrew Tate?


Sincerely,


Gary C. Peters
United States Senator
Ranking Member, Committee
on Homeland Security and
Governmental Affairs


Margaret Wood Hassan
United States Senator


Richard Blumenthal
United States Senator


Andy Kim
United States Senator


Ruben Gallego
United States Senator


Elissa Slotkin
United States Senator

APPENDIX:

a. *Trump nominee says MLK Jr. holiday belongs in 'hell' and that he has 'Nazi streak,' according to texts*, Politico (Oct. 20, 2025) (www.politico.com/news/2025/10/20/paul-ingrassia-racist-text-messages-nazi-00613608).

Paul belongs in the Hitler Youth with Ubergruppenfuhrer Steve Bannon

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Paul Ingrassia to a group of Republicans, according to texts viewed by POLITICO

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I said were making kwanza illegal in the next Trump admin

That was the gist of my tweet

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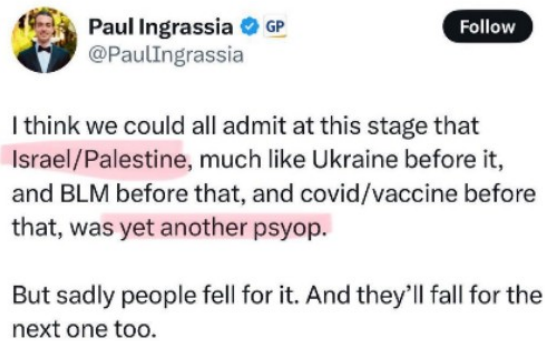
c. Paul Ingrassia, X Post (May 21, 2023) (x.com/PaulIngrassia/status/1660323766411436033).



d. Paul Ingrassia, X Post (Oct. 7, 2023) (x.com/PaulIngrassia/status/1710649023101579628?s=20).



f. Paul Ingrassia, Deleted X Post (Oct. 15, 2023); Paul Ingrassia, X Post (Oct. 8, 2023) (x.com/PaulIngrassia/status/1711033657065132504?s=20).



g. Paul Ingrassia, X Post (Dec. 18, 2023) (x.com/PaulIngrassia/status/1736838647280713765?s=20).



h. *Key Trump nominee accused of sexual harassment*, Politico (Oct. 9, 2025) (www.politico.com/news/2025/10/09/ingrassia-trump-harassment-dhs-00596545).

i. Paul Ingrassia, Deleted Tweet (Jan. 19, 2024) (archive.is/WrYnS); Paul Ingrassia, X Post (Sep. 1, 2024) (x.com/PaulIngrassia/status/1830234923950874721).



j. The Alex Cuesta Show, YouTube (Mar. 4, 2024) (www.youtube.com/watch?v=ovi7syd_1N8) at: 25:05-25:47, 26:18-27:47; Paul Ingrassia, X Post (Sept. 18, 2023) (x.com/PaulIngrassia/status/1703863200649818522).



k. *The White House Intervened on Behalf of Accused Sex Trafficker Andrew Tate During a Federal Investigation*, ProPublica (Nov. 18, 2025) (www.propublica.org/article/andrew-tate-investigation-dhs-paul-ingrassia).