

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Kelly Loeffler  
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Dear Senator Loeffler and Mr. Witkoff:

We write to request information on the 2025 Trump Vance Inaugural Committee's practices regarding screening contributions from foreign donors.

Federal law prohibits foreign nationals from making, directly or indirectly, any donations to an inaugural committee.<sup>1</sup> Inaugural committees may not knowingly accept donations from foreign nationals.<sup>2</sup> Further, inaugural committees must report to the Federal Election Commission (FEC) any donation of money or anything of value aggregating \$200 or more, including basic information about the donor, the amount of the donation, and the date of receipt.<sup>3</sup>

Recent reporting indicates that the Trump Vance Inaugural Committee is on track to raise over \$150 million.<sup>4</sup> Given that a foreign national was found to have illegally donated \$900,000 to the first Trump inaugural committee,<sup>5</sup> and to evaluate whether additional congressional action is required to address the issue of foreign donors illegally contributing to inaugural funds, we request that the Inaugural Committee provide answers to the following questions by January 21, 2025:

1. What measures has the Trump Vance Inaugural Committee instituted to meet its legal obligation to submit accurate financial disclosure reports to the FEC identifying the sources of the millions of dollars it raised?

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<sup>1</sup> 11 C.F.R. § 110.20(j).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> 11 C.F.R. § 104.21.

<sup>4</sup> Soo Rin Kim, *Trump-Vance inaugural committee on track to raise record amount as pledged contributions surpass \$150M*, ABC News (Dec. 18, 2024), <https://abcnews.go.com/US/trump-vance-inaugural-committee-track-raise-record-amount/story?id=116918692>.

<sup>5</sup> Mike Ives, *Donor to Trump Inauguration Sentenced to 12 Years in Federal Inquiry*, New York Times (Feb. 19, 2021), <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/02/19/us/politics/imaad-zuberi-sentence.html>.

2. What measures has the Trump Vance Inaugural Committee instituted to identify individual donors and/or ultimate beneficial owners responsible for donations made through corporate entities?
3. What measures has the Trump Vance Inaugural Committee instituted to identify whether a donor is a foreign national?
  - a. What processes are in place to ensure that a donor is not a foreign national, other than having the donor check a box certifying that the donor is not a foreign national and the contribution is being made from the donor's own funds? Please provide specific information.
4. What processes are in place to screen for obviously fake or anonymized donor information, such as falsified names and addresses (e.g., "John Doe," listing a NASA facility address, etc.)? Please provide specific information.
5. Please provide a copy of any written operating procedures regarding verification of donor information submitted to the Trump Vance Inaugural Committee.
6. Please provide a copy of all materials containing information about programming and benefits offered to individuals who donate to the Trump Vance Inaugural Committee.

The public deserves a full accounting of diligence measures to ensure the Trump Vance Inaugural Committee is meeting its reporting and screening requirements for donations. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Sheldon Whitehouse  
United States Senator



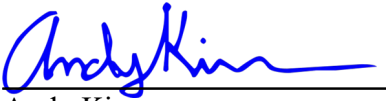
Chris Van Hollen  
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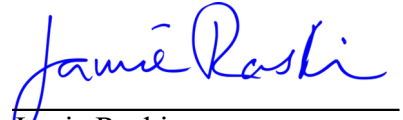


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