

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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Trump Vance Inaugural Committee, Inc.  
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Dear Mr. Crate,

We write to express concerns regarding recent discrepancies in reported contributions to the Trump Vance 2025 Inaugural Committee.<sup>1</sup> These inconsistencies raise questions about the Committee's compliance with federal disclosure requirements and the broader integrity of the inaugural fundraising process.

Several major corporations, including General Motors, Amazon, Microsoft, and USAA, disclosed contribution amounts to Congress that significantly exceed what the Committee originally reported to the Federal Election Commission (FEC).

The Committee initially reported receiving \$1 million from General Motors.<sup>2</sup> However, General Motors has since confirmed that it donated both \$1 million in cash and \$538,000 in in-kind vehicle contributions.<sup>3</sup> Similarly, Amazon and Microsoft disclosed contributions of nearly \$2 million and \$1 million, respectively.<sup>4</sup> Both amounts are significantly higher than what was reflected in the Committee's filings.<sup>5</sup> In another instance, USAA stated it gave \$100,000 from its corporate treasury, while the Committee reported the funds came from the company's political action committee (PAC) – a meaningful legal distinction under campaign finance law.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Dave Levinthal, "Major Corporations Reported Bigger Donations to Trump's Inauguration than His Committee Disclosed," NOTUS, July 31, 2025, <https://www.notus.org/donald-trump/inauguration-committee-donation-discrepancies>

<sup>2</sup> "Schedule 13-A, Itemized Donations Accepted," Federal Election Commission, <https://docquery.fec.gov/cgi-bin/forms/C00894162/1904839/f132>

<sup>3</sup> "Lobbying Contribution Report," <https://lda.senate.gov/filings/public/contribution/c8a4a2fd-b667-4e3d-aa4e-658e33096d9d/print/>

<sup>4</sup> "Lobbying Contribution Report," <https://lda.senate.gov/filings/public/contribution/1b686c94-d6a9-4126-8e3e-cc92e67764e5/print/>; "Lobbying Contribution Report," <https://lda.senate.gov/filings/public/contribution/2b9a30d6-b087-4bb6-b45f-4cde199697dd/print/>

<sup>5</sup> "Schedule 13-A, Itemized Donations Accepted," Federal Election Commission, <https://docquery.fec.gov/cgi-bin/forms/C00894162/1904839/f132>

<sup>6</sup> "Lobbying Contribution Report," <https://lda.senate.gov/filings/public/contribution/494f0136-ad7d-40d1-bc9e-bc0324b20b93/print/>; "Schedule 13-A, Itemized Donations Accepted," Federal Election Commission,

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We appreciate that the Committee has since filed amended contribution reports resolving the discrepancies related to General Motors, USAA, Amazon, and Microsoft.<sup>7</sup> Nonetheless, the initial underreporting and subsequent delayed revisions raise ongoing concerns.

These discrepancies come against the backdrop of unprecedented growth in the scale of inaugural fundraising. The Trump Vance 2025 Inaugural Committee raised \$239 million – more than doubling the previous record of \$107 million, which was set by President Trump in 2017. Together, the two Trump inaugural committees have raised a combined \$346 million, exceeding the total nominal amount raised by all other inaugural committees combined since President Nixon’s \$4 million inauguration in 1973.<sup>8</sup>

This extraordinary fundraising total, with at least 140 individuals or companies giving \$1 million or more, underscores the risk of influence peddling and preferential access through inaugural committees.<sup>9</sup> These committees operate under far less stringent transparency rules than political campaigns, and inaugural donations may be used for a wide variety of activities with limited oversight.

These concerns are heightened by reporting that each of the top three individual donors to the 2025 inaugural committee received formal nominations for roles in the Trump administration.<sup>10</sup> While presidents have historically awarded positions to major donors, the scale of contributions linked to appointments in this instance is unprecedented and raises serious concerns about the role of inaugural giving in federal decisions. Further, several major business entities have received favorable legal determinations from the Trump administration after making sizable donations.<sup>11</sup>

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<https://docquery.fec.gov/cgi-bin/forms/C00894162/1904839/f132>

<sup>7</sup> “Schedule 13-A, Itemized Donations Accepted,” Federal Election Commission, <https://docquery.fec.gov/cgi-bin/forms/C00894162/1910509/f132>

<sup>8</sup> Theodore Schleifer, “Trump Raised \$239 Million for Inauguration, More than Doubling His Own Record - The New York Times,” The New York Times, April 20, 2025, <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/04/20/us/politics/trump-inauguration-donors.html>

<sup>9</sup>Theodore Schleifer, “Trump Raised \$239 Million for Inauguration, More than Doubling His Own Record - The New York Times,” The New York Times, April 20, 2025, <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/04/20/us/politics/trump-inauguration-donors.html>

<sup>10</sup>Anna Massoglia, “Million-Dollar Donors Flooded Trump’s Second Inauguration,” Brennan Center for Justice, July 1, 2025, <https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports/million-dollar-donors-flooded-trumps-second-inauguration>

<sup>11</sup> Jake Johnson, “Trump Drops or Pauses Cases against 17 Corporations That Funded His Inauguration,” Truthout, April 22, 2025, <https://truthout.org/articles/trump-drops-or-pauses-cases-against-17-corporations-that-funded-his-inauguration/>

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As we consider legislation to address the need for greater transparency and oversight in inaugural fundraising, it is essential that Congress have a full and accurate understanding of the Committee's practices and financial records.

We respectfully request answers from the Committee to the following questions by Friday, September 26:

1. Why did it take the Committee multiple months and successive amendments to correct their inaccurate filings?
2. What internal procedures and controls does the Committee have in place to ensure accurate and complete reporting of both cash and in-kind contributions to the FEC?
3. Has the Committee communicated with the FEC regarding these discrepancies, or been contacted by the agency concerning possible violations of campaign finance law?

We are certain the Committee shares the American people's concern for transparency, ethics, and accountability in our democratic institutions. We appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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Joseph D. Morelle  
Ranking Member  
Committee on House  
Administration



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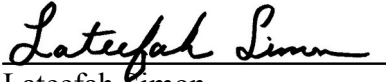
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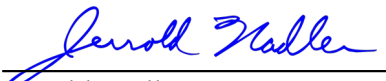
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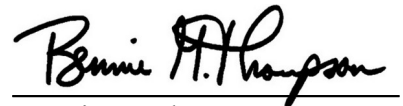
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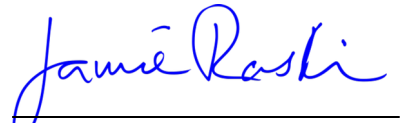
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