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August 29, 2025

Mr. Abdulelah Khaled Allam
[Transmitted Electronically]

Dear Mr. Allam:

I write regarding alarming reports that you paid President Donald Trump's son-in-law, Michael Boulos, \$100,000 in exchange for the Trump family's foreign influence to assist in the retrieval of your assets previously seized by the Saudi government.¹ This revelation, if accurate, would represent a corrupt and reckless attempt by the Trump family to leverage proximity to Donald Trump for personal enrichment. Further, it raises serious questions as to whether financial conflicts of interest have influenced the administration's foreign policy at the expense of American national security. The Committee demands to understand the details of this arrangement and whether you attempted to purchase access to Donald Trump from Michael Boulos.

The New York Times has reported that you paid Mr. Boulos \$100,000 following a June 2022 meeting facilitated by Mr. Boulos's cousin, James Frangi.² Reporting indicates that this payment was made in exchange for the Trump family's assistance in the retrieval of potentially billions of dollars in real estate seized from you by the Saudi government during a 2017 corruption crackdown. In the weeks that followed the \$100,000 payment, Mr. Frangi reportedly strategized how to present you as close to Mr. Boulos's father-in-law, then-former President Donald Trump, to influence Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman to release your assets. Mr. Frangi reportedly detailed plans to "soften up" Saudi officials by presenting you as being close to the Trump family, as well as promising you an invitation to Mr. Boulos's wedding for photographs and access to the Trump family.³ In exchange, you allegedly agreed to forgive Mr. Frangi of the millions of dollars of debt he owed you, and to include him in a future business deal.

The Committee is further concerned by the conflicting explanations provided about the purpose of this payment. According to Mr. Boulos's spokesman, Mr. Frangi's "financially struggling company" owed Mr. Boulos money, and you paid him at Mr. Frangi's request to satisfy the debt.⁴ In contrast, your aide has claimed the money was merely a loan to Mr. Boulos

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that Mr. Boulos intended to repay. Mr. Frangi himself has reportedly offered varying explanations, at times calling the money a loan to Mr. Boulos, and at other times calling it the settlement of a debt.⁵

Given these glaring inconsistencies, the Committee seeks to understand the underlying reason for the \$100,000 transfer and whether the transaction was intended to purchase influence with the Trump family. These actions raise serious questions about whether corrupt financial interests are influencing American policy and whether President Trump is for sale to those willing to pay.

Since Rep. James Comer began his tenure as chairman of the Oversight Committee in 2023, the Committee has spent countless hours and resources investigating the business dealings of members of former President Joe Biden's family.⁶ This latest reporting will undoubtedly be of interest to the Chairman, given his professed dedication to rooting out influence peddling by presidential families, as it raises critical concerns regarding the full extent of the Trump family's schemes to use the Trump presidency for personal enrichment.

While Chairman Comer was unable to produce any evidence supporting allegations of wrongdoing by President Biden, the Trump family has taken actions worthy of serious investigation. This case appears to fit a pattern of unscrupulous behavior by the Trump family, including Jared Kushner's investment firm receiving \$2 billion from the sovereign wealth fund of Saudi Arabia shortly after Mr. Kushner left the White House; President Trump's exploitation of his ownership of the Trump International Hotel in Washington, D.C. to unlawfully take hundreds of payments from U.S. Secret Service, foreign governments, federal and state officials, federal job seekers, and presidential pardon recipients; and, more recently, President Trump's receipt of a \$400 million luxury airliner as a gift from the Qatari government.⁷

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To investigate these allegations, conduct congressional oversight, and inform legislative solutions to prevent foreign influence peddling by members of the president's family, we request that you provide the following documents and information no later than September 12, 2025:

1. All documents, records, communications, and other materials related to any contracts, financial transfers, loans, or payments between you and Mr. Michael Boulos;
2. All documents, records, communications, and other materials related to any contracts, financial transfers, loans, or payments between you, Mr. James Frangi, or any entity in which Mr. Frangi is a stakeholder, holds a controlling interest, or by which he is employed;
3. A detailed explanation of the purpose of the June 2022 meeting with Mr. Boulos and Mr. Frangi, your role in the meeting, matters discussed during the meeting, and services rendered, if any, for the \$100,000 payment to Mr. Boulos;
4. All communications between you, Mr. Boulos, Mr. Frangi, or any other party relating to the government of Saudi Arabia or efforts to retrieve property seized by the government of Saudi Arabia; and
5. All documents, records, communications and other materials related to your possible attendance at Mr. Boulos's November 12, 2022, wedding.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Garcia", written over a horizontal line.

Robert Garcia
Ranking Member

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Mr. James Frangi
Chief Executive Officer
Royalton Investment
[Transmitted Electronically]

Dear Mr. Frangi:

I write regarding alarming reports that you and your cousin, Michael Boulos, sought to leverage his proximity to Donald Trump in an attempt to assist Saudi businessman Abdulelah Allam retrieve assets previously seized by the Saudi government, a scheme through which Mr. Boulos received \$100,000.¹ This revelation, if accurate, would represent a corrupt and reckless attempt by the Trump family to leverage proximity to Donald Trump for personal enrichment. Further, it raises serious questions as to whether financial conflicts of interest have influenced the administration's foreign policy at the expense of American national security. The Committee demands to understand whether you facilitated and continue to facilitate business deals to sell access to President Trump.

According to *The New York Times*, you orchestrated an arrangement to assist Mr. Allam in retrieving potentially billions of dollars in real estate seized by the Saudi government during a 2017 corruption crackdown in exchange for a \$100,000 payment to Mr. Boulos. On June 22, 2022, you reportedly convened a meeting with Mr. Boulos at Mr. Allam's Virginia home to discuss a transaction involving the release of Mr. Allam's seized assets. In advance of the meeting, you provided Mr. Allam with Mr. Boulos's name and bank account information with which, on the day of the meeting, Mr. Allam wired \$100,000 to Mr. Boulos. In the weeks that followed the \$100,000 payment, you reportedly strategized how to present Mr. Allam as close to then-former President Donald Trump in an effort to influence Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman to release Mr. Allam's seized assets. In particular, you allegedly detailed plans to "soften up" Saudi officials by presenting Mr. Allam as being close to the Trump family, as well as promising Mr. Allam an invitation to the wedding of Mr. Boulos and Tiffany Trump at President Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort for photographs and access to the Trump family.²

The Committee is further concerned by the conflicting explanations provided about the purpose of this payment. According to Mr. Boulos's spokesman, your "financially struggling

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company” owed him money, and Mr. Allam paid Mr. Boulos at your request to satisfy the debt.³ In contrast, an aide to Mr. Allam claimed the money was a loan to Mr. Boulos that Mr. Boulos intended to repay. You have reportedly “explained the money in different ways, at times calling it a loan to Mr. Boulos and at other times calling it the settling of a debt.”⁴ Given these inconsistencies and your request to Mr. Allam to “delete all texts” referencing the deal, the Committee is concerned that you may have sought to destroy or conceal evidence regarding this transaction.

Given these glaring inconsistencies, the Committee seeks to understand the underlying reason for the \$100,000 transfer and whether the transaction was intended to purchase influence with the Trump family. These actions raise serious questions about whether corrupt financial interests are influencing American policy and whether President Trump is for sale to those willing to pay.

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While Chairman Comer was unable to produce any evidence supporting allegations of wrongdoing by President Biden, the Trump family has taken actions worthy of serious investigation. This case appears to fit a pattern of unscrupulous behavior by the Trump family, including Jared Kushner’s investment firm receiving \$2 billion from the sovereign wealth fund of Saudi Arabia shortly after Mr. Kushner left the White House; President Trump’s exploitation of his ownership of the Trump International Hotel in Washington, D.C. to unlawfully take hundreds of payments from U.S. Secret Service, foreign governments, federal and state officials, federal job seekers, and presidential pardon recipients; and, more recently, President Trump’s receipt of a \$400 million luxury airliner as a gift from the Qatari government.⁶

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