Congress of the United States Mashington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Kash Patel Director Federal Bureau of Investigation 935 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20535

Dear Director Patel:

We respectfully request that the Federal Bureau of Investigation initiate an inquiry into the fundraising apparatus known as "ActBlue."

ActBlue is the main fundraising platform of the Democrat Party, raising more than \$16 billion for progressive causes since 2004.¹ However, it appears the platform has been used to skirt the integrity of federal campaign finance laws.

In 2024, President Biden's Treasury Department found hundreds of suspicious transactions with ActBlue reported by banks.² The U.S. House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and the Committee on House Administration have been investigating these allegations of misconduct. ³ But the previous Administration has stalled access to the necessary documents. This week, Oversight Chairman Comer and Administration Chairman Stiles have renewed their request with Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent.⁴

There are also allegations of foreign donations through strawmen, specifically originating in China, Russia, Iran, and Venezuela.⁵

¹ Matt Margolis, *ActBlue Crisis Spells Disaster for Democratic Campaign Cash*, PJ MEDIA (Mar. 7, 2025), https://pjmedia.com/matt-margolis/2025/03/07/actblue-crisis-spells-disaster-for-democratic-campaign-cash-n4937677.

² Susan Ferrechio, *House probes how Democrats' biggest fundraising effort left open to fraud in 2024*, THE WASHINGTON TIMES (Dec. 14, 2024), https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2024/dec/14/house-probes-democrats-biggest-fundraising-effort-/.

³ Josh Christenson, *House Republicans demand data about Dem fundraiser ActBlue amid accusations of fraud*, NEW YORK POST (Mar. 10, 2025), https://nypost.com/2025/03/10/us-news/house-republicans-demand-data-about-dem-fundraiser-actblue-amid-accusations-of-fraud/.

⁴ Press Release: Comer, Steil, Langworthy Ask Treasury for Access to ActBlue Suspicious Activity Reports, Continue Investigation into Potential Fraud, COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM (Mar. 10, 2025), https://oversight.house.gov/release/comer-steil-langworthy-ask-treasury-for-access-to-actblue-suspicious-activity-reports-continue-investigation-into-potential-fraud/.

⁵ Christenson, *supra* note 3.

Nineteen state Attorneys General, including Missouri, Texas, and Wyoming, are also making inquiries into allegations of fraud, money laundering, fraudulent and counterfeit use of credit and debit cards, and patterns of contributions that are suspicious.⁶ Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton has petitioned the Federal Elections Commission for rulemaking to address the allegations.⁷A racketeering lawsuit instituted by a private citizen is pending in Wisconsin.⁸

It must be emphasized that these allegations, were they to prove true, would indicate a serious threat to the integrity of our elections, besides the victimization of American citizens.

The gravity of the allegations and their implications demand a thorough and vigorous investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. We strongly urge an inquiry into ActBlue.

Very truly yours,

Andy Biggs Member of Congress

⁶ Id.

⁷ Press Release: Investigation Into ActBlue By Attorney General Ken Paxton Uncovers Large Number of Suspicious Donations Made Through Obscured Identities and Untraceable Means; OAG Demands FEC Action, OFFICE OF KEN PAXTON, ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS (Oct. 21, 2024), https://www.oag.state.tx.us/news/releases/investigation-actblue-attorney-general-ken-paxton-uncovers-large-number-suspicious-donations-made.

⁸ Josh Christenson, *Treasury find hundreds of transactions linked to fundraising platform ActBlue flagged by banks: GOP memo,* NEW YORK POST (Oct. 29, 2024), https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/politics/treasury-finds-hundredsof-transactions-linked-to-fundraising-platform-actblue-flagged-by-banks-gop-memo/ar-AA1t995t.