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Dear Ms. Nowrojee:

On September 22, 2025, President Donald Trump signed an order designating Antifa as a domestic terrorist organization.¹ For years, Antifa terrorists have fomented and engaged in violence, ranging from nationwide riots to targeted attacks against those with whom they disagree, including conservatives,² liberals,³ libertarians,⁴ journalists,⁵ law-enforcement officers,⁶ pregnancy resource centers,⁷ Christian individuals,⁸ Jewish individuals,⁹ and more. Antifa's left-wing extremist violence cannot be justified. Accordingly, we write to request information about the Open Society Foundations' (OSF) financial support for organizations connected with Antifa.¹⁰

¹ Designating Antifa as a Domestic Terrorist Organization, 90 Fed. Reg. 46317 (Sept. 22, 2025).

² See *President Trump Isn't Backing Down from Crushing Radical Left Violence*, WHITE HOUSE (Sept. 22, 2025), <https://www.whitehouse.gov/articles/2025/09/president-trump-isnt-backing-down-from-crushing-radical-left-violence/> (listing examples of Antifa's violent conduct).

³ Andrew Mark Miller, *Antifa agitators smash windows of Portland Democratic Party headquarters, attack police officer, and flip over car*, WASH. EXAM'R (Jan. 21, 2021).

⁴ Fredrik Segerfeldt, *Antifa Has Backed Its Message With Violence for Decades in Europe*, REASON (Sept. 8, 2017).

⁵ Kristine Parks & Cortney O'Brien, *Seattle journalists attacked by agitators call out far-left media for covering up violence at protests*, FOX NEWS (June 20, 2025); Lee Brown, *Author Andy Ngo, who exposed Antifa, says he was beaten by 'masked mob'*, N.Y. POST (June 3, 2021).

⁶ Debra Heine, *Ten Antifa Goons Charged With Attempted Murder After 4th of July Ambush on Texas ICE Facility*, AM. GREATNESS (July 8, 2025).

⁷ Press Release, Off. of the Att'y Gen. of Fla., Action Against Antifa and Jane's Revenge (Mar. 30, 2023), <https://www.myfloridalegal.com/newsrelease/action-against-antifa-and-janes-revenge>.

⁸ *FBI investigates after Antifa protesters assault Christian worshippers in Seattle*, STANDING FOR FREEDOM CTR. (May 29, 2025).

⁹ Zoe Strimpel, *Calling yourself anti-racist or anti-fascist is no excuse for thuggery*, THE TELEGRAPH (June 6, 2020) ("It is a notable irony that where there's Antifa there is anti-Semitism.").

¹⁰ See RYAN MAURO & SCOTT WALTER, OPEN SOCIETY, CLOSED EYES: THE \$80 MILLION SOROS PIPELINE TO EXTREMISM, CAP. RSCH. CTR. (2025).

According to a recent report from the Capital Research Center, since 2016, OSF has donated more than \$80 million to extremist organizations that support or engage in terrorism or other extremist violence.¹¹ Of particular concern, OSF has donated “at least \$2 million” to the Sunrise Movement, a group closely connected to Antifa.¹² According to the Capital Research Center report, the Sunrise Movement “endorsed and solicited financial support for the Antifa-associated anarchist terrorists of the Stop Cop City / Defend the Atlanta Forest coalition” which, in 2023, violently attacked law enforcement officers and utility workers constructing a training facility near Atlanta, Georgia for police officers and firefighters.¹³ During the siege, Antifa terrorists threw Molotov cocktails, bricks, and rocks at law enforcement officers, attempted to blind officers by shining lasers in their eyes, and set construction equipment and a police car on fire, among numerous other violent acts.¹⁴ Prosecutors later charged more than 40 individuals with domestic terrorism due to the attacks.¹⁵

OSF has complained—without a hint of irony¹⁶—that criticism of its financial support for terrorists threatens its freedom of speech.¹⁷ Of course, OSF is wrong; providing material support for terrorists is not protected by the First Amendment.¹⁸ Moreover, according to one free speech scholar, “Antifa was expressly founded as a movement at war with free speech,” and it considers violence to be a necessary tool for waging its “war.”¹⁹

Congress has an important interest in protecting Americans from political violence. As part of the Committee’s oversight, we respectfully request that you provide the following documents and information:

¹¹ *Id.* at 1.

¹² *Id.* at 6; *see also* *Awarded Grants*, OPEN SOC’Y FOUNDS., https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/grants/past?filter_keyword=sunrise&filter_location=united-states (last visited Sept. 26, 2025) (listing five grants worth \$2 million total to “Sunrise” between 2019 and 2023).

¹³ MAURO & WALTER, *supra* note 10, at 8.

¹⁴ *Id.*; *see also* *President Trump Isn’t Backing Down from Crushing Radical Left Violence*, *supra* note 2 (identifying the attackers as “Antifa radicals”).

¹⁵ MAURO & WALTER, *supra* note 10, at 8.

¹⁶ *See* NPLC Staff, *Soros Champions Free Speech But Funds Pro-Censorship Groups*, NAT’L LEGAL & POL’Y CTR. (Sept. 22, 2025); Ben Scallan, *Soros-Funded NGOs Demand Crackdown On Free Speech As Politicians Spread Hate Misinformation*, PUBLIC (Aug. 23, 2023).

¹⁷ Press Release, Open Soc’y Founds., Statement on Politically Motivated Attacks on Open Society (Sept. 25, 2025), <https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/newsroom/statement-on-politically-motivated-attacks-on-open-society>; United in Advance, *Statement on Political Violence and the Fundamental Freedom of Speech*, MEDIUM (Sept. 17, 2025), <https://medium.com/@uniteinadvance/statement-on-the-fundamental-freedom-of-speech-b98c1c6db4e2>.

¹⁸ *See* Holy Land Found. for Relief & Dev. v. Ashcroft, 333 F.3d 156, 165 (D.C. Cir. 2003) (“[T]he law is established that there is no constitutional right to fund terrorism.”); *United States v. Lindh*, 212 F. Supp. 2d 541, 570 (E.D. Va. 2002) (“The First Amendment’s guarantee of associational freedom is no license to supply terrorist organizations with resources or material support in any form Those who choose to furnish such material support to terrorists cannot hide or shield their conduct behind the First Amendment.”).

¹⁹ Jonathan Turley, *The Right to Rage: Free Speech and Rage Rhetoric in American Political Discourse*, GEO. J. L. & PUB. POL’Y 481, 493 (2023).

1. All documents and communications referring or relating to the Sunrise Movement or Antifa, including local Antifa groups such as Atlanta Antifa,²⁰ from January 1, 2019, to the present;
2. All documents and communications referring or relating to any grants, donations, or other financial contributions OSF provided to the Sunrise Movement from January 1, 2019, to the present;
3. All documents and communications referring or relating to OSF's awareness of any act of violence or other criminal activity conducted by individuals associated with organizations to which OSF provides material support; and
4. All documents and communications referring or relating to OSF's efforts, if any, to ensure its grant recipients are not engaging in or promoting political violence.

Please produce all documents and information as soon as possible but no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 20, 2025.

This letter serves as a formal request to preserve all existing and future records and materials relating to the topics addressed in this letter. You should construe this preservation notice as an instruction to take all reasonable steps to prevent the destruction or alteration, whether intentionally or negligently, of all documents, communications, and other information, including electronic information and metadata, that are or may be responsive to this congressional inquiry. This instruction includes all electronic messages sent using your professional and personal accounts or devices, including records created using text messages, phone-based message applications, or encryption software.

The Supreme Court has recognized that Congress has a “broad and indispensable” power to conduct oversight, which “encompasses inquiries into the administration of existing laws, studies of proposed laws, and surveys in our social, economic or political system for the purpose of enabling Congress to remedy them.”²¹ Pursuant to the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to conduct oversight of matters concerning criminal law to inform potential legislative reforms.²²

²⁰ See *Hate Map: Atlanta ANTIFA*, NEW TOLERANCE CAMPAIGN, <https://newtolerance.org/hate-map/atlanta-antifa/> (last visited Sept. 26, 2025); see also *Frequently Asked Questions*, ATLANTA ANTIFASCISTS, <https://atlantaantifa.org/frequently-asked-questions/> (last visited Sept. 26, 2025) (Atlanta Antifa describing itself as an “organized group[]”).

²¹ *Trump v. Mazars USA, LLP*, 591 U.S. 848, 862 (2020) (internal quotation marks omitted).

²² Rules of the House of Representatives, 119th Cong., R. X (2025).

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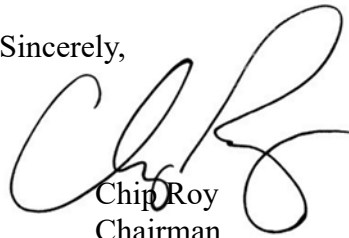
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If you have any questions about this request, please contact Committee staff at (202) 225-6906. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

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Jim Jordan
Chairman

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chip Roy".

Chip Roy
Chairman

Subcommittee on the Constitution and
Limited Government

cc: The Honorable Jamie Raskin, Ranking Member

The Honorable Mary Gay Scanlon, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on the Constitution
and Limited Government