

United States House of Representatives
Committee on Financial Services
Washington, D.C. 20515

January 10, 2018

The Honorable Steven Mnuchin
Secretary
U.S. Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Secretary Mnuchin:

On December 8, 2017, we sent a follow up letter reiterating our request for financial intelligence data housed within the U.S. Department of the Treasury (“Department”) to assist the Financial Services Committee (“Committee”) in determining the extent of any undue influence on the President and his Administration from Russian government officials, oligarchs, and organized crime leaders. Specifically, we again sought information relating to potential money laundering violations by Russian persons and the Trump Organization. The December 15 deadline we provided has passed, and you have again ignored our inquiry.

Your repeated refusal to cooperate with our requests raises questions about whether you are actively obstructing efforts to uncover the truth about criminal activity by the President, his campaign, family members and associates. Furthermore, it appears that your own involvement with the Trump campaign has resulted in an unavoidable conflict of interest which you are also attempting to ignore.

Steve Bannon, who served as the Trump campaign’s Chief Executive Officer and White House Chief Strategist, was recently reported to have stated that Trump campaign officials and Trump family members have legal exposure for money laundering activities.¹ Mr. Bannon reportedly said “it all goes through Deutsche Bank and the Kushner [expletive],” referring to the President’s son-in-law and campaign advisor, Jared Kushner. This troubling account from a Trump campaign senior official underscores the need for your compliance with our request for information.

Moreover, given the fact that you served as a Trump campaign official in your capacity as national finance chair, we call on you to answer the following questions:

1. Do you have any knowledge of illegal activities, including money laundering activities, by President Trump, Trump campaign officials, Trump family members or his associates?
2. In your capacity as finance chair, were you involved in facilitating the transfer of ill-gotten funds or funds from sanctioned persons to the Trump campaign or its agents?
3. Have you ever directed, or has any other Trump Administration official, Trump campaign official or Trump family member called on you to direct U.S. Treasury officials or staff members to obscure, destroy, or withhold information implicating the President, Trump campaign officials, Trump family members or his associates?
4. Have you received or requested guidance from the Department, the Office of Government Ethics, or any other party regarding your recusal from law enforcement or

¹ Smith, David. Trump Tower meeting with Russians 'treasonous', Bannon says in explosive book, January 4, 2018, available at: <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2018/jan/03/donald-trump-russia-steve-bannon-michael-wolff>

regulatory matters relating to President Trump, Trump campaign officials, Trump family members or his associates?

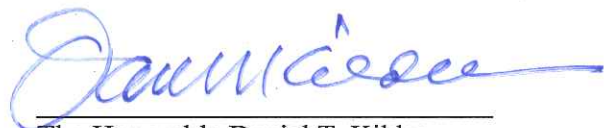
5. What steps, if any, have you taken to recuse yourself from official business relating to law enforcement or regulatory matters relating to President Trump, Trump campaign officials, Trump family members or his associates?
6. Has President Trump or any other White House official instructed you not to recuse yourself from law enforcement or regulatory matters relating to President Trump, Trump campaign officials, Trump family members or his associates?

We demand that you provide full responses to each of the preceding questions as well as all of the originally requested information by January 17, 2018. Additionally, until such time as full and satisfactory responses are provided to each question, we call on you to recuse yourself from all official Departmental matters involving all law enforcement and regulatory matters relating to President Trump, Trump campaign officials, Trump family members and his associates.

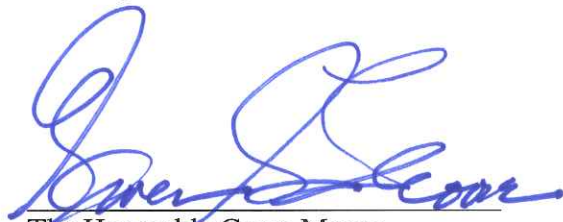
Sincerely,



The Honorable Maxine Waters
Ranking Member



The Honorable Daniel T. Kildee
Vice Ranking Member



The Honorable Gwen Moore
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade



The Honorable Al Green
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations



The Honorable Ed Perlmutter
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Terrorism and Illicit Finance