

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Natural Resources
Washington, DC 20515

August 27, 2026

Robert K. Ortberg
President & CEO
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Dear Mr. Ortberg:

We are writing regarding Boeing's sponsorship of or partnership with Freedom 250, LLC ("Freedom 250").¹ On February 10, 2026, the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the House Committee on Natural Resources held a hearing titled "All in for America250: Public-Private Partnerships Supporting America's Semiquincentennial on our Public Lands," which raised serious questions regarding preparations for our nation's 250th anniversary.² Since that time, we have been conducting oversight of Freedom 250's formation, fundraising, and expenditures.

On July 2, 2026, we released an interim report titled *From Vanity to Insanity: How the White House Cheated the American People out of Their 250th Birthday*.³ The report found that the White House hijacked the nation's semiquincentennial celebration, converting a once-in-a-generation national commemoration into an apparatus for raising and spending money in service of the President's political ideology and vanity projects. Freedom 250, a wholly owned subsidiary lodged within the National Park Foundation, was created as a new entity to facilitate this takeover. As a sponsor or partner, your organization possesses documents and information essential to this investigation.

Pursuant to Rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Natural Resources has broad jurisdiction over public lands and the National Park System, including the National Park Service's sole congressionally chartered philanthropic partner, the National Park Foundation, and its wholly owned subsidiary, Freedom 250.

The Supreme Court has described Congress' power to obtain information as "broad" and "indispensable."⁴ That power "encompasses inquiries into the administration of existing laws,

¹ FREEDOM 250, <https://www.freedom250.org> (last visited Aug. 8, 2026).

² ALL IN FOR AMERICA250: PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS SUPPORTING AMERICA'S SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL ON OUR PUBLIC LANDS: HEARING BEFORE THE SUBCOMM. ON OVERSIGHT & INVESTIGATIONS OF THE H. COMM. ON NAT. RES., 119th Cong. (2026).

³ DEMOCRATIC STAFF OF H. COMM ON NAT. RES., 119th CONG., FROM VANITY TO INSANITY: HOW THE WHITE HOUSE CHEATED THE AMERICAN PEOPLE OUT OF THEIR 250TH BIRTHDAY (2026).

⁴ *Watkins v. United States*, 354 U.S. 178, 187, 215 (1957).

studies of proposed laws, and surveys of defects in our social, economic or political system,”⁵ and it “comprehends probes into departments of the Federal Government to expose corruption, inefficiency or waste.”⁶ It also applies to information in the hands of private parties,⁷ including non-public information and information otherwise protected from public disclosure by statute.⁸

This inquiry advances the Committee's oversight and will inform legislative reforms, including reforms to ensure that the hijacking of the semiquincentennial does not become a template for further wrongdoing. Legislating effectively on this subject requires understanding whether, how, and to what extent Freedom 250 and those acting in concert with it solicited donations by trading on official access, by misrepresenting the recipient or intended use of funds, or by leveraging donors' business before the federal government.

To assist with the Committee's oversight, please provide the following information as soon as possible but no later than September 10, 2026:

1. All documents and communications, from January 20, 2025, to September 10, 2026, between Boeing and any of the following:
 - a. Freedom 250, LLC, including any officer, director, employee, contractor, agent, or representative thereof;
 - b. The White House Task Force on Celebrating America's 250th Birthday (Task Force 250), including any officer, director, employee, contractor, agent, or representative thereof;
 - c. America250.org, Inc. and the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission (collectively “America250”), including any officer, director, employee, contractor, agent, or representative thereof;
 - d. The National Park Foundation, including any member of its board of directors and any officer, employee, contractor, agent, or representative thereof;
 - e. Meredith O'Rourke of Forward Strategies, Inc., or any person or entity acting on her behalf or at her direction;

⁵ *Trump v. Mazars*, 591 U.S. 848, 862 (2020) (quoting *Watkins v. United States*, 354 U.S. 178, 187 (internal quotation marks omitted)).

⁶ *Watkins v. United States*, 354 U.S. 178, 187 (1957).

⁷ *See Eastland v. United States Servicemen's Fund*, 421 U.S. 491 (1975); *Sinclair v. United States*, 279 U.S. 263 (1929); *McGrain v. Daugherty*, 273 U.S. 135 (1927).

⁸ *See Ashland Oil, Inc. v. FTC*, 548 F.2d 977, 979 (D.C. Cir. 1976) (holding that “release of information to the Congress does not constitute ‘public disclosure’”); *Exxon Corp. v. FTC*, 589 F.2d 582, 589 (D.C. Cir. 1978) (reaffirming the rationale in *Ashland Oil* that, absent a showing that disclosure is “evident,” disclosure to Congress does not constitute public disclosure); *see also* 5 U.S.C. § 552(d); 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)(9); *Comm. on Ways & Means v. U.S. Dep't of the Treasury*, 45 F.4th 324, 337 (D.C. Cir. 2022) (“A Congressional request for information does not need to ensure confidentiality to remain valid”).

- f. Abby Matthis of Forward Strategies, Inc., or any person or entity acting on her behalf or at her direction;
 - g. Vince Haley of the White House Domestic Policy Council, or any person or entity acting on his behalf or at his direction;
 - h. Brittany Baldwin of Task Force 250, or any person or entity acting on her behalf or at her direction;
 - i. Monica Crowley of the U.S. Department of State, or any person or entity acting on her behalf or at her direction;
 - j. Justin Caporale of the White House Office of Presidential Advance and formerly of Event Strategies, Inc., or any person or entity acting on his behalf or at his direction;
 - k. National Garden of American Heroes Foundation, including any officer, director, employee, agent, or representative thereof;
 - l. D.C. Grand Prix, Inc., including any officer, director, employee, agent, or representative thereof;
 - m. Securing American Greatness, Inc., including any officer, director, employee, agent, or representative thereof;
2. All documents and communications, from January 20, 2025, to September 10, 2026, between Boeing and any of the following, referring or relating to Freedom 250, the National Park Foundation, America250, or the semiquincentennial:
- a. The White House, including any component of the Executive Office of the President;
 - b. U.S. Department of the Interior or any component thereof, including the National Park Service and the Office of the Secretary;
 - c. U.S. Department of State or any component thereof, including any bureau, embassy, consulate, or diplomatic or consular post;
 - d. Donald J. Trump Presidential Library Foundation, Inc., including any officer, director, employee, agent, or representative thereof;
3. All agreements, from January 20, 2025, to September 10, 2026, concerning any donation, sponsorship, or other transfer of value that Boeing made, offered, considered making, or was solicited to make to Freedom 250, LLC, the National Park Foundation, America250,

or any federal entity or official in connection with the semiquincentennial, including gift agreements, sponsorship agreements, letters, and memoranda of understanding, and all drafts;

4. All sponsorship decks, prospectuses, tier descriptions, donor-benefit packages, and other solicitation materials received by Boeing since January 20, 2025, concerning any transfer described in Request 3, and all documents concerning whether Boeing has received each benefit described therein;
5. All documents, from January 20, 2025, to September 10, 2026, concerning the payment, transmission, or refund of any transfer described in Request 3, including wire or banking instructions, remittance information, invoices, receipts, and written acknowledgments, and all documents identifying the recipient entity, account, and financial institution;
6. All documents and communications, from January 20, 2025, to September 10, 2026, concerning the decision to make, offer, or decline any transfer described in Request 3, including board or committee materials, memoranda, due-diligence files, and tax analyses, and any document discussing anticipated benefits, potential liabilities, access to the President or other federal officials, or matters pending before the federal government; and
7. All documents and communications, from January 20, 2025, to September 10, 2026, concerning the tax treatment or deductibility of any transfer described in Request 3.

You are further instructed to preserve all documents and communications that are or may be responsive to this request. This obligation extends to material on personal devices and accounts and requires suspending any automatic-deletion, ephemeral-messaging, or document-destruction functions or policies that would otherwise apply. Be advised that knowingly and willfully making a materially false statement to Congress is a federal crime under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, as is corruptly obstructing or impeding a congressional inquiry⁹ or altering, destroying, or concealing records with the intent to do so.¹⁰

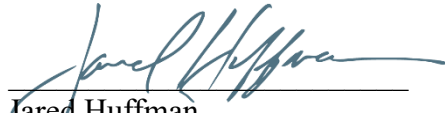
⁹ 18 U.S.C. § 1505

¹⁰ 18 U.S.C. § 1519

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If you have any questions about this request, please contact Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations staff at (202) 225-6065. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,


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