

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 2, 2025

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Dear Ms. Wallace-Jones:

The Committee on House Administration, the Committee on the Judiciary, and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform are charged with upholding fundamental American civil liberties and protecting the integrity of American elections. To that end, we continue to investigate ActBlue's fraud prevention policies and practices, which may allow bad actors to make fraudulent political donations, including from foreign sources.¹ New reporting indicates that several ActBlue executives recently resigned amid allegations of "internal retaliation[.]" while the last remaining lawyer on ActBlue's staff is "on leave" without access to email or other internal systems.² We write today to request additional documents regarding ActBlue's compliance with applicable federal laws and regulations, and to request transcribed interviews with two ActBlue staff members.

As a political action committee (PAC), ActBlue must take a variety of steps to comply with federal election law.³ ActBlue must make filings with the Federal Election Commission (FEC), place "disclaimer" and "authorization" notices on solicitations, and comply with laws and regulations governing the handling of "illegal" or "questionable" contributions.⁴

Recent staff resignations and internal turmoil at ActBlue raise serious questions about ActBlue's ability to fulfill these ongoing legal obligations.⁵ Reporting in the *New York Times* indicates that at least seven senior staff members, including ActBlue's "highest-ranking legal

¹ See Miranda Devine, *Potential ActBlue criminal charges over possible fraud donations once again reveal the Dems' fraud campaign*, N.Y. POST (Sept. 19, 2024); Josh Christenson, *Treasury finds hundreds of transactions linked to fundraising platform ActBlue flagged by banks: GOP memo*, N.Y. POST (Oct. 29, 2024); Breanne Deppisch, *Democrat platform ActBlue subpoenaed by House committee amid concerns foreign donors exploited security flaws*, FOX NEWS (Oct. 31, 2024).

² Reid J. Epstein & Shane Goldmacher, *ActBlue, the Democratic Fund-Raising Powerhouse, Faces Internal Chaos*, N.Y. TIMES (Mar. 5, 2025).

³ See, e.g., 52 U.S.C. § 30101 et seq. (Federal Election Campaign Act).

⁴ Deposit of receipts and disbursements, 11 C.F.R. § 103.3(b) (2024).

⁵ See Reid J. Epstein & Shane Goldmacher, *ActBlue, the Democratic Fund-Raising Powerhouse, Faces Internal Chaos*, N.Y. TIMES (Mar. 5, 2025).

officer[.]” have resigned since February 21, 2025.⁶ Amid this wave of resignations, [REDACTED], “the last remaining lawyer in the ActBlue general counsel’s office,” went “on leave” and was stripped of his access to email and other internal systems after he appeared to make allegations of “internal retaliation.”⁷ The ““growing pattern of volatility and toxicity stemming from [ActBlue’s] current leadership[.]”” and the kneecapping of ActBlue’s legal team may be hindering ActBlue’s ability to comply with federal election law.⁸ Indeed, ActBlue’s union reportedly told the company that ““those of us who work with our legal team in our day-to-day do not have clear direction on how to proceed with our work in their absence[.]””⁹

These developments are even more concerning in light of reporting that ActBlue has maintained poor anti-fraud practices that may have allowed bad actors to make fraudulent political donations, including from foreign sources.¹⁰ Fraudulent political donations corrupt American elections and could amount to interstate criminal conduct.¹¹

ActBlue’s internal turmoil, lack of a functioning legal team, possible retaliatory actions, and failure to take fraud seriously raise a host of new questions about the platform’s ability to deter fraud and comply with legal requirements. Therefore, the Committees require additional documents and information. To further our oversight, please provide the following documents and information from January 1, 2020 to the present:

1. Documents and communications sufficient to show which staff members are responsible for ensuring ActBlue’s compliance with applicable federal laws, including but not limited to the Federal Election Campaign Act (FECA);
2. All documents and communications referring or relating to whistleblowers, retaliation against whistleblowers, and actual or alleged misconduct by ActBlue staff, including but not limited to all documents and communications referring or relating to [REDACTED] going “on leave”;¹²
3. All documents and communications referring or relating to the resignation of former Vice President for Customer Service Alyssa Twomey; and
4. All documents and communications referring or relating to the resignations of staff in

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ *Id.*

⁹ *Id.*

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¹¹ See 52 U.S.C. § 30109(d)(1)(D); 52 U.S.C. § 30122; *United States v. Hui*, No. 2:23-mj-00865 (E.D.N.Y. 2024); (detailing a Chinese national’s criminal conviction for operating a “straw donor scheme.”)

¹² Reid J. Epstein & Shane Goldmacher, *ActBlue, the Democratic Fund-Raising Powerhouse, Faces Internal Chaos*, N.Y. TIMES (Mar. 5, 2025).

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ActBlue's Office of the General Counsel, including but not limited to former General Counsel Darrin Hurwitz.

In addition, the Committees require testimony from the following ActBlue employees:

1. [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and
2. [REDACTED], [REDACTED].

We respectfully ask that you produce the requested documents and schedule the requested transcribed interviews as soon as possible, but no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 16, 2025.

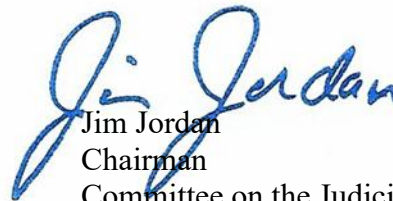
Pursuant to the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committees have jurisdiction to conduct oversight of matters concerning elections, civil liberties, criminal law, and U.S. national security to inform potential legislative reforms.¹³ If you have any questions about this matter, please contact Judiciary Committee staff at (202) 225-6906, Committee on House Administration staff at (202) 225-8281, and Oversight Committee staff at (202) 225-5074.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

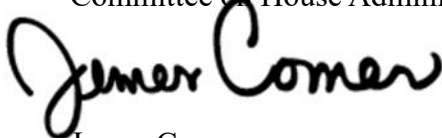
Sincerely,



Bryan Steil
Chairman
Committee on House Administration



Jim Jordan
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary



James Comer
Chairman
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

cc: The Honorable Joseph D. Morelle, Ranking Member, Committee on House Administration

The Honorable Jamie Raskin, Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary

¹³ Rules of the House of Representatives R. X (K) Committee on House Administration, (L) Committee on Judiciary, (N) Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (2025).

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The Honorable Gerald Connolly, Ranking Member, Committee on Oversight and
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