

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

April 29, 2025

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Director of Customer Success  
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Dear [REDACTED]:

The Committee on House Administration, the Committee on the Judiciary, and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform are charged with ensuring the integrity of American elections.<sup>1</sup> To that end, the Committees are examining allegations that ActBlue, a leading political fundraising organization, allowed bad actors, including foreign actors, to exploit the company's online platform to make fraudulent political donations.<sup>2</sup> ActBlue has employed Sift's "AI-powered fraud prevention" software since 2020.<sup>3</sup> Documents produced to the Committees indicate that you possess information vital to our oversight.<sup>4</sup> Accordingly, we respectfully request your cooperation and ask that you make yourself available for a transcribed interview with the Committees.

Communications produced to the Committees indicate that in your role as Sift's Director of Customer Success, you worked closely with ActBlue's fraud-prevention team.<sup>5</sup> The Committees are concerned that ActBlue has maintained poor anti-fraud practices that may have

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<sup>1</sup> Rules of the House of Representatives R. X (K) Committee on House Administration, (L) Committee on the Judiciary, (N) Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (2025).

<sup>2</sup> See Letter from Rep. Bryan Steil, Chairman, Comm. on H. Admin., to Ms. Regina Wallace-Jones, Chief Executive Officer, ActBlue (Oct. 28, 2024); Letter from Rep. Jim Jordan, Chairman, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, to Ms. Regina Wallace-Jones, Chief Executive Officer, ActBlue (Dec. 9, 2024); Letter from Rep. Bryan Steil, Chairman, Comm. on H. Admin., & Rep. Jim Jordan, Chairman, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, to Mr. Kris Nagel, CEO, Sift (Dec. 9, 2024); Letter from Rep. Bryan Steil, Chairman, Comm. on H. Admin., Rep. Jim Jordan, Chairman, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, & Rep. James Comer, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight and Gov't Reform, to Ms. Regina Wallace-Jones, Chief Executive Officer, ActBlue (Apr. 2, 2025).

<sup>3</sup> See STAFF OF H. COMM. ON THE JUDICIARY, COMM. ON H. ADMIN., & H. COMM. ON OVERSIGHT & GOV'T REFORM, FRAUD ON ACTBLUE: HOW THE DEMOCRATS' TOP FUNDRAISING PLATFORM OPENS THE DOOR FOR ILLEGAL ELECTION CONTRIBUTIONS at App'x Ex. 18 (Apr. 2, 2025); *About Us*, SIFT, <https://sift.com/company> (last accessed Apr. 3, 2025).

<sup>4</sup> See, e.g., Email from Sift Director of Customer Success to ActBlue personnel (July 2, 2024) (on file with the Committees).

<sup>5</sup> *Id.*

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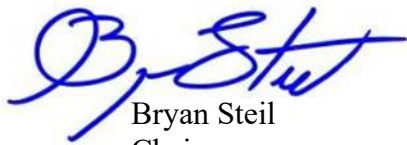
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allowed bad actors to make fraudulent political donations, including from foreign sources.<sup>6</sup> Fraudulent political donations corrupt American elections and could amount to interstate criminal conduct.<sup>7</sup> Furthermore, as the Committees have documented, many questions remain unanswered about ActBlue's fraud-prevention policy changes in 2024 and Sift's subsequent role in facilitating the fundraising organization's "more lenient approach" to fraud prevention.<sup>8</sup>

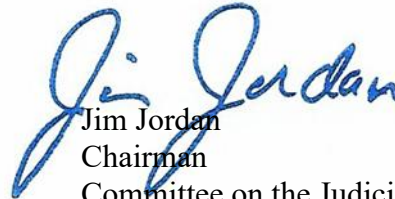
Your knowledge of Sift's software, operations, and experience with ActBlue's fraud-prevention efforts makes your testimony critical to the Committees' oversight. Pursuant to the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committees have jurisdiction to conduct oversight of matters concerning elections, civil liberties, criminal law, and U.S. national security to inform potential legislative reforms.<sup>9</sup> To schedule your transcribed interview, please contact Judiciary Committee staff at (202) 225-6909 as soon as possible, but no later than 5:00 p.m. ET on May 13, 2025.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

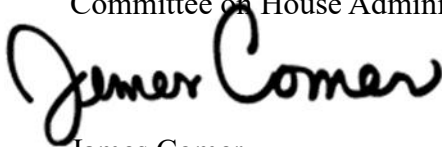
Sincerely,



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


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<sup>6</sup> 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).

<sup>7</sup> 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.")

<sup>8</sup> See STAFF OF H. COMM. ON THE JUDICIARY, COMM. ON H. ADMIN., & H. COMM. ON OVERSIGHT & GOV'T REFORM, *FRAUD ON ACTBLUE: HOW THE DEMOCRATS' TOP FUNDRAISING PLATFORM OPENS THE DOOR FOR ILLEGAL ELECTION CONTRIBUTIONS* at App'x Ex. 1 (Apr. 2, 2025).

<sup>9</sup> 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 Jamie Raskin, Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary

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