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Mr. Orni Petruschka Chairman Blue White Future 1 Azrieli Center Round Tower, Floor 17 132 Derech Menachem Begin Tel Aviv-Jaffa, 6701101 ISR

Dear Mr. Petruschka:

On March 26, 2025, the Committees requested documents relating to funds that Blue White Future (BWF) reportedly received from non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that were originally disbursed by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and State Department during the Biden-Harris Administration.<sup>1</sup> As explained in the letter, media reports indicate that federal U.S. funds flowed from the Biden-Harris Administration to Israeli protestors via a series of NGOs.<sup>2</sup> These reports are deeply troubling, particularly in light of the Biden-Harris Administration's prior efforts to weaken the relationship between the United States and Israel.<sup>3</sup>

On April 3, 2025, BWF responded to the Committees' letter stating that it "has not received any federal grant funding from USAID, the State Department, or any other US government agency, directly or indirectly."<sup>4</sup> However, BWF did not respond to the Committees' request for documents concerning funds that BWF received from other NGOs, nor did it deny receiving any such funds.<sup>5</sup> As noted in our initial letter, public media reporting revealed that BWF received approximately \$4 million from the Middle East Peace Dialogue Network

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Letter from Chairmen Jim Jordan & Brian Mast to Eran Schwartz, CEO, Blue White Future (Mar. 26, 2025) [hereinafter "March 26 Letter"].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See, e.g., David Isaac, 'Night and day' between Trump and Biden in terms of US-Israel ties, say JNS panelists, JEWISH NEWS SYNDICATE (Apr. 30, 2025); Efrat Lachter, Officials in Biden admin worked to undermine Netanyahu after ceasefire talks collapsed, former aide says, FOX NEWS (Apr. 29, 2025); David Harsanyi, Joe Biden Keeps Rewarding The Terrorists, THE FEDERALIST (Feb. 1, 2024); Caroline Glick, Biden is the primary obstacle to Israeli victory, JEWISH NEWS SYNDICATE (Nov. 27, 2023); Michael R. Pompeo, Team Biden Just Made the Worst Deal Ever with Iran, HUDSON INST. (Sept. 13, 2023).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Letter from Orni Petruschka, Chairman, Blue White Future, to Chairmen Jim Jordan & Brian Mast (Apr. 3. 2025) [hereinafter "April 3 Letter"].

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(MEPDN) in 2023.<sup>6</sup> BWF also received approximately \$18 million from PEF Israel Endowment Funds the same year.<sup>7</sup> The Committees requested that BWF provide records concerning its relationship with both of those entities,<sup>8</sup> which BWF did not produce.<sup>9</sup>

On April 24, 2025, the Committees notified BWF that its April 3 response was insufficient because it did not include material concerning funding that BWF had received from MEPDN and PEF.<sup>10</sup> On May 11, BWF responded, arguing that the material is not relevant to the Committees' inquiry because the funds "were donated initially to MEPDN and PEF by identified private donors."<sup>11</sup>

The material withheld by BWF is directly responsive to item 2 in the Committees' March 26 letter. BWF has asserted no privilege protecting the material or persuasive reason for its noncompliance. With respect to BWF's assertion that the material is irrelevant, we respectfully disagree. This information is necessary to inform the Committees' oversight and potential legislative reforms. To alleviate any potential privacy concerns, however, the Committees are willing to work with BWF to ensure the protection of personally identifiable information. Accordingly, the Committees reiterate the outstanding requests in our March 26 letter, and specifically the withheld material responsive to item 2. We ask that you produce the remaining material immediately, but not later than 5:00 p.m. on July 14, 2025.

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."<sup>12</sup> The Judiciary Committee is authorized to conduct oversight of matters concerning civil liberties and criminal law pursuant to the Rules of the House of Representatives.<sup>13</sup> The Committee on Foreign Affairs is authorized to conduct oversight of matters concerning relations with foreign nations pursuant to the Rules of the House of Representatives.<sup>14</sup> If you have any questions about this request, please contact Committee staff at (202) 225-6906.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> David Isaac, *Foreign funding of judicial-reform protests spurs Knesset legislation*, JEWISH NEWS SYNDICATE (Feb. 18, 2025).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> See March 26 Letter, supra note 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> See April 3 Letter, supra note 4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Email from Committee Staff to Blue White Future (Apr. 24, 2025) (on file with Committees).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Email from Blue White Future to Committee Staff (May 11, 2025) (on file with Committees).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Trump v. Mazars USA, LLP, 591 U.S. 848, 862 (2020) (internal quotation marks omitted).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Rules of the House of Representatives, 119th Cong., R. X (2025).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Id.

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Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

erdan Jim Jordan Chairman Committee on the Judiciary

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Brian Mast Chairman Committee on Foreign Affairs

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

The Honorable Gregory Meeks, Ranking Member, Committee on Foreign Affairs

Sincerely,