Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

April 18, 2025

Ms. Natalie Niemeyer Former Assistant Director of Research ActBlue sent via email

Dear Ms. Niemeyer:

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.¹ 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.² Documents produced to the Committees and public reporting indicate that you possess information vital to our oversight.³ 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 while you served as ActBlue's Assistant Director of Research, you may have worked closely with ActBlue's fraudprevention team.⁴ The Committees are concerned that ActBlue has maintained poor anti-fraud practices that may have allowed bad actors to make fraudulent political donations, including from foreign sources.⁵ Fraudulent political donations corrupt American elections and could amount to interstate criminal conduct.⁶

¹ 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).

² 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, & Rep. James Comer, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight and Gov't Reform, to Ms. Regina Wallace-Jones, Chief Executive (Apr. 2, 2025).

³ See Reid J. Epstein & Shane Goldmacher, *ActBlue, the Democratic Fund-Raising Powerhouse, Faces Internal Chaos*, N.Y. TIMES (Mar. 5, 2025).

⁴ 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 (Apr. 2, 2025).

⁵ 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).

⁶ 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.").

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According to the *New York Times*, amid allegations of "internal retaliation," at least seven senior staff members, including you, have resigned from ActBlue since February 21, 2025.⁷ Internal turmoil and mass resignations at ActBlue raise questions about ActBlue's ability to comply with ongoing legal requirements under federal election law.⁸

Your knowledge of ActBlue's fraud-prevention policies and practices and potential whistleblower retaliation 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.⁹ To schedule your transcribed interview, please contact Judiciary Committee staff at (202) 225-6909 as soon as possible, but no later than 5:00 PM ET on May 2, 2025. If you are represented by counsel, please ask your attorney to contact Committee staff on your behalf.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Bryan Steil

Bryan Steil Chairman Committee on House Administration

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- 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

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

⁷ Reid J. Epstein & Shane Goldmacher, *ActBlue, the Democratic Fund-Raising Powerhouse, Faces Internal Chaos*, N.Y. TIMES (Mar. 5, 2025).

⁸ Deposit of receipts and disbursements, 11 C.F.R. § 103.3(b) (2024).

⁹ 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).