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October 15, 2025

The Honorable Pete Hegseth
Secretary
Department of Defense
1400 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301

Dear Secretary Hegseth:

I write regarding the recent announcement of a Letter of Acceptance allowing the Qatari government to build a temporary Qatar Emiri Air Force facility at the Mountain Home Airbase in Idaho.¹ The U.S. has maintained a productive relationship with Qatar, including the use of the Al-Udeid Air Base in Qatar as the regional headquarters for U.S. Central Command.² Unfortunately, due to the many entanglements—at least some of which are clearly unlawful—that President Trump, his family, and his associates have with Qatari interests, oversight is appropriate even for agreements between our country and Qatar that followed proper channels.³

As ranking member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform's Subcommittee on the Military and Foreign Affairs, I request a briefing on this agreement to ensure that this deal best serves American national security interests. In addition, please confirm that no official recused from matters involving the State of Qatar was involved in this agreement.

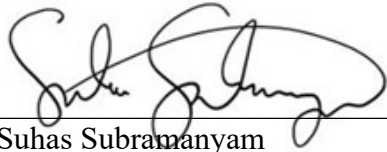
If you have any questions about this request, please contact Committee Democratic staff at (202) 225-5051. Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

¹ *Hegseth Announces Qatar Will Build Air Force Facility at U.S. Base in Idaho*, CBS News (Oct. 10, 2025) (online at <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/hegseth-qatar-air-force-facility-us-base-idaho/>).

² Congressional Research Service, *Qatar: Governance, Security, and U.S. Policy* (Apr. 11, 2022) (R44533) (online at <https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/R/R44533>).

³ See, e.g., Letter from Ranking Member Richard J. Durbin, Senate Committee on the Judiciary, to Attorney General Pam Bondi, Department of Justice (May 14, 2025) (online at www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/2025-05-14%20Letter%20to%20DOJ%20Qatari%20Plane%20Gift.pdf); *Trump Company Strikes Qatari Golf Resort Deal in a Sign It's Not Holding Back from Foreign Business*, Associated Press (Apr. 30, 2025) (online at <https://apnews.com/article/trump-qatar-deal-conflicts-saudi-arabia-embellishments-7379bee2e307d39bd43b534a05ae3207>); Democratic Staff, Committee on Oversight and Accountability, *White House for Sale: How Princes, Prime Ministers, and Premiers Paid Off President Trump*, Minority Staff Report (Jan. 4, 2024) (online at <https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/democrats-oversight.house.gov/files/2024-01-04.COA%20DEMS%20-%20Mazars%20Report.pdf>).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Suhas Subramanyam', written over a horizontal line.

Suhas Subramanyam
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on the Military and Foreign Affairs

cc: The Honorable James Comer, Chairman

The Honorable William Timmons, Chairman
Subcommittee on the Military and Foreign Affairs