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July 15, 2026

The Honorable Todd Blanche
Acting Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Acting Attorney General Blanche:

Further to my letters on May 26, 2026, and July 1, 2026, I write to assure that the Department of Justice will provide documents and responses about the proposed \$1.776 billion “Anti-Weaponization Fund” and the purported “Settlement Agreement” in *Trump v. Internal Revenue Service*, No. 1:26-cv-20609 (S.D. Fla.).

In discussing DOJ’s conduct, the court said, “[i]t is telling that the DOJ, which is tasked with enforcement of United States law, has remained conspicuously absent and silent when serious questions about this matter have been raised.”¹ The court noted that “Defendants never appeared, never challenged Plaintiffs’ claims, and never filed a single pleading.”² The court further said, “[i]n abdicating its responsibility to zealously defend the interests of the United States, the Government entered into a ‘settlement’ that deviated from its litigation posture in similar actions, disregarded DOJ policies, and accomplished objectives beyond those authorized, as well as those specifically prohibited, by law.”³

Specifically, I want to be sure you provide all documents, including any correspondence with plaintiffs’ counsel, related to DOJ’s decision not to defend the IRS, nor challenge the plaintiffs’ claims, nor make any appearance or file any pleading in the case; or related to any understandings reached with plaintiffs regarding their pleadings or posture in the case.

¹ Order 50-51, *Trump v. Internal Revenue Service*, No. 1:26-cv-20609 (S.D. Fla. July 13, 2026) ECF No. 106.

² *Id.* at 29.

³ *Id.* at 51.

Please provide a response by July 22, 2026. I look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sheldon Whitehouse". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sheldon" being more prominent and the last name "Whitehouse" following in a similar style.

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