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The Honorable Todd Blanche  
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The Honorable Scott Bessent  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of the Treasury  
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Frank Bisignano  
Chief Executive Officer  
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Dear Acting Attorney General Blanche, Secretary Bessent, and IRS Chief Executive Officer Bisignano:

I write to request that the Department of Justice and the Internal Revenue Service provide documents and responses regarding outstanding questions about the proposed \$1.776 billion “Anti-Weaponization Fund” (the “Fund”) and the purported “Settlement Agreement” in *Trump v. Internal Revenue Service*, No. 1:26-cv-20609 (S.D. Fla.).

On May 18, 2026, DOJ announced the creation of the Fund “to provide a systematic process to hear and redress claims of others who suffered weaponization and lawfare.”<sup>1</sup> Additionally, on May 19, 2026, DOJ released an addendum to the purported “Settlement Agreement” stating that the U.S. government would be “forever barred” from pursuing “examinations” of President Trump, his family, “related or affiliated individuals,” and related trusts and businesses, for any matter involving previously filed tax returns or “Lawfare and/or Weaponization.”<sup>2</sup> Although Acting AG Blanche subsequently told a House subcommittee that DOJ would not move forward with the Fund, DOJ lawyers recently refused to submit a sworn declaration providing that assurance to a federal court.<sup>3</sup> Acting AG Blanche also said during the House hearing that the Trump family tax amnesty and legal immunity addendum will remain in effect even if DOJ is not moving forward with the Fund.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Dep’t of Justice, *Press Release, Justice Department Announces Anti-Weaponization Fund* (May 18, 2026), <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-announces-anti-weaponization-fund>.

<sup>2</sup> Office of the Attorney General, *Addendum* (May 19, 2026), <https://www.justice.gov/opa/media/1441216/dl>.

<sup>3</sup> Tierney Sneed, *DOJ rebuffs judge’s request for Blanche to declare in court that anti-weaponization fund is dead*, CNN (June 19, 2026), <https://www.cnn.com/2026/06/19/politics/doj-anti-weaponization-fund-judge-request>.

<sup>4</sup> Hannah Rabinowitz & Holmes Lybrand, *Takeaways from Blanche’s House testimony: ‘Anti-weaponization’ fund is over; ban on Trump tax audits remains*, CNN (June 3, 2026), <https://www.cnn.com/2026/06/02/politics/blanche-house-testimony-trump-fund-takeaways>.

As the court noted in its May 29, 2026, order in *Trump v. Internal Revenue Service*,<sup>5</sup> the Internal Revenue Service reportedly prepared a memorandum outlining ways to challenge President Trump’s claims in that case.<sup>6</sup> The reporting further indicated that the twenty-five-page IRS memorandum advised DOJ to move to dismiss the lawsuit.<sup>7</sup> The existence of the memorandum indicates that DOJ may have deliberately disregarded defenses readily available to the IRS in order to orchestrate the purported “Settlement Agreement,” and potentially—as alleged by thirty-five former federal judges in their motion to reopen the case—“the parties used the proceedings before [the] Court as a legal pretext,” constituting a fraud on the court.<sup>8</sup> Despite the seriousness of these allegations, DOJ has chosen not to respond to the court’s inquiry regarding the matter.

Given the grave concerns raised by these facts, I request timely responses to the following questions:

1. Please provide a copy of all memoranda prepared by the IRS discussing defenses against the plaintiffs’ claims in *Trump v. Internal Revenue Service*, No. 1:26-cv-20609 (S.D. Fla.).
2. Please provide a copy of IRS’s referral policy regarding referral of cases and legal defense to DOJ.
3. Please provide all correspondence between DOJ and IRS personnel regarding *Trump v. Internal Revenue Service*, No. 1:26-cv-20609 (S.D. Fla.).
4. Please provide all memoranda prepared in response to the ongoing inquiry regarding whether there was “fraud on the court” in *Trump v. Internal Revenue Service*, No. 1:26-cv-20609 (S.D. Fla.).
5. Which DOJ personnel negotiated the tax amnesty and legal immunity provisions in the May 19, 2026, addendum? Please name all DOJ personnel involved in these negotiations.

Please provide a response by July 14, 2026. I look forward to your prompt response.

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<sup>5</sup> Order 3 n.3, *Trump v. Internal Revenue Service*, No. 1:26-cv-20609 (S.D. Fla. May 29, 2026), ECF No. 65.

<sup>6</sup> Andrew Duehren, *The I.R.S. Thought It Could Fight Trump’s Lawsuit, but It Struck a Deal Anyway*, N.Y. TIMES (May 19, 2026), <https://www.nytimes.com/2026/05/19/admin/irs-trump-lawsuit-deal.html>.

<sup>7</sup> *Id.*

<sup>8</sup> Mot. for Relief from J. or Order 7-11, *Trump v. Internal Revenue Service*, No. 1:26-cv-20609 (S.D. Fla. May 27, 2026), ECF No. 63.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sheldon Whitehouse". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "S" and a long, sweeping tail.

Sheldon Whitehouse  
Ranking Member,  
Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on  
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Federal Rights