

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

June 30, 2026

Mr. Masayoshi Son  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
SoftBank Group Corp.  
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San Carlos, CA 94070

Dear Mr. Son:

We write regarding concerns surrounding SoftBank Group's reported \$50 million contribution to President Trump's presidential library,<sup>1</sup> the circumstances under which that contribution was made, and any potential connection between the donation and SoftBank's substantial interests before the federal government.

The Trump Administration is the most corrupt in the nation's history, and one apparent nexus of that corruption has been tens of millions of dollars that have been given by corporate interests to the President's pet projects including his gold-encrusted ballroom. Earlier this month, a new analysis found that donors to President Trump's ballroom had received over \$50 billion in federal contracts after they gave their donations.<sup>2</sup>

On May 22, 2026, Politico reported that SoftBank Group had recently donated \$50 million to President Trump's presidential library project, making it one of the largest publicly reported contributions to the library.<sup>3</sup> The contribution followed SoftBank's December 2024 announcement that it planned to invest \$100 billion in the United States during President Trump's second term and occurred while the company maintains significant business interests in sectors heavily influenced by federal policy decisions, including artificial intelligence, semiconductors, telecommunications, and technology infrastructure.<sup>4</sup>

SoftBank's contribution differs substantially from its previous support for presidential libraries. While SoftBank previously contributed to the presidential libraries of Ronald Reagan and George W. Bush, those donations occurred after those presidents had left office and after the

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<sup>1</sup> Politico, "Japanese megacorp SoftBank donates \$50M to Trump's presidential library," Daniel Lippman, May 22, 2026, <https://www.politico.com/news/2026/05/22/softbank-trump-library-donation-00934285>.

<sup>2</sup> The Washington Post, "Ballroom donors won \$50B in contracts after giving to Trump project, watchdog group finds," Jonathan Edwards, June 4, 2026, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2026/06/04/donors-won-50b-contracts-after-giving-trump-ballroom-project-report-says/>.

<sup>3</sup> Politico, "Japanese megacorp SoftBank donates \$50M to Trump's presidential library," Daniel Lippman, May 22, 2026, <https://www.politico.com/news/2026/05/22/softbank-trump-library-donation-00934285>.

<sup>4</sup> CNBC, "SoftBank CEO and Trump announce \$100 billion investment in U.S. by firm," John Melloy and Yun Li, December 16, 2024, <https://www.cnbc.com/2024/12/16/softbank-ceo-to-announce-100-billion-investment-in-us-during-visit-with-trump.html>; Citybiz, "SoftBank's Son: AI Could Be 50 Times Bigger Than the Dot-Com Era," June 1, 2026, <https://www.citybiz.co/article/853872/softbanks-son-ai-could-be-50-times-bigger-than-the-dot-com-era/>; Reuters, "SoftBank's growing bets on AI and semiconductor assets," August 19, 2025, <https://www.reuters.com/business/media-telecom/softbanks-growing-bets-ai-semiconductor-assets-2025-08-19/>.

relevant library foundations and institutions had been established.<sup>5</sup> In contrast, SoftBank's reported contribution was made quietly, while President Trump remains in office, and before any presidential library has been constructed.<sup>6</sup>

These circumstances raise concerns about the potential for bribery and whether donors are seeking favorable treatment from the Trump Administration through contributions that personally benefit a sitting President. Indeed, the announcement that SoftBank, “one of the largest AI investors in the world,”<sup>7</sup> had made the donation came prior to President Trump “scal[ing] back” and “weake[n]g an executive order regulating the AI industry.”<sup>8</sup> These concerns are exacerbated by the fact that the original organization established to receive and manage donations for President Trump's library project, the Donald J. Trump Presidential Library Fund, had already been dissolved prior to SoftBank's reported contribution.<sup>9</sup> According to public records, the entity was dissolved by the Florida Department of State on September 26, 2025, after failing to file a required annual report, and articles of dissolution were filed on December 29, 2025.<sup>10</sup> An investigation opened by our offices has so far revealed that the ultimate disposition of the \$63 million that was deposited into that account remains unclear.<sup>11</sup>

Nevertheless, SoftBank proceeded with what is one of the largest publicly disclosed contribution to the project and did so against the backdrop of the company's ongoing engagement with the federal government.<sup>12</sup> For example, at the end of last year, SoftBank announced it had agreed to acquire DigitalBridge, a data center investment firm for \$4 billion.<sup>13</sup> According to DigitalBridge's Securities and Exchange Commission filings, the consummation of the merger is subject to several regulatory approvals, including from the Committee on Foreign Investments in the United States (CFIUS), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).<sup>14</sup> Indeed, on March 11, 2026, the Federal Trade

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<sup>5</sup> Politico, “Japanese megacorp SoftBank donates \$50M to Trump’s presidential library,” Daniel Lippman, May 22, 2026, <https://www.politico.com/news/2026/05/22/softbank-trump-library-donation-00934285>.

<sup>6</sup> Yahoo News, “Japanese Company Pours \$50 Million Into Trump Presidential Library,” Kathryn Wilkens, May 22, 2026, <https://uk.news.yahoo.com/japanese-company-pours-50-million-010805714.html>.

<sup>7</sup> Politico, “Japanese megacorp SoftBank donates \$50M to Trump’s presidential library,” Daniel Lippman, May 22, 2026, <https://www.politico.com/news/2026/05/22/softbank-trump-library-donation-00934285>.

<sup>8</sup> CNBC, “Trump signs AI executive order asking companies to give government early access to models,” June 2, 2026, <https://www.cnn.com/video/2026/06/02/trump-signs-ai-executive-order-asking-companies-to-give-government-early-access-to-models.html>.

<sup>9</sup> Trump Presidential Library Fund Status, October 14, 2025, <https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/26186340-trump-presidential-library-fund-status/>.

<sup>10</sup> Letter from U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren to President Donald Trump, April 19, 2026, [https://www.warren.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/warren\\_blumenthal\\_stansbury\\_letter\\_to\\_president\\_trump\\_re\\_presidential\\_library\\_fund\\_donations.pdf](https://www.warren.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/warren_blumenthal_stansbury_letter_to_president_trump_re_presidential_library_fund_donations.pdf); The Washington Post, “Democrats ask what happened to millions earmarked for Trump’s library,” Dan Diamond and Aaron Schaffer, March 11, 2026, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2026/03/11/congressional-democrats-trump-library/>.

<sup>11</sup> *Id.*

<sup>12</sup> Politico, “Japanese megacorp SoftBank donates \$50M to Trump’s presidential library,” Daniel Lippman, May 22, 2026, <https://www.politico.com/news/2026/05/22/softbank-trump-library-donation-00934285>.

<sup>13</sup> The Wall Street Journal, “SoftBank to Buy Data Center Investment Firm DigitalBridge for \$4 Billion,” Connor Hart, December 29, 2025, <https://www.wsj.com/business/deals/softbank-group-to-buy-data-center-investment-firm-digitalbridge-b229f7e5>.

<sup>14</sup> DigitalBridge, “DigitalBridge Group, Inc. Current Report (Form 8-K),” December 29, 2025, <https://ir.digitalbridge.com/node/14871/html>.

Commission (FTC) granted early termination of the Hart-Scott-Rodino waiting period for Softbank's acquisition of DigitalBridge.<sup>15</sup>

Given my ongoing concerns about corruption in the Trump Administration and the extent to which SoftBank and other giant corporations may be buying access to and favoritism from President Trump, we request answers to the following questions no later than July 13, 2026:

1. Are reports accurate that SoftBank Group contributed \$50 million to President Trump's presidential library project?
  - a. If so, on what date or dates was the contribution authorized, approved, and transferred?
2. Why did SoftBank decide to make this contribution?
  - a. Who within SoftBank authorized or approved the donation?
  - b. Were any members of SoftBank's board of directors involved in the decision?
3. To what entity or entities was the contribution made?
  - a. What due diligence did SoftBank conduct regarding the legal status of the recipient entity or entities prior to making the contribution?
4. Was SoftBank aware, at the time it made the contribution, that the organization previously established to receive and manage donations for President Trump's presidential library project had been dissolved?
  - a. If so, when did SoftBank become aware of that fact?
  - b. How did that information affect SoftBank's decision-making process?
5. Did SoftBank discuss this contribution with President Trump, any representative of the Trump Administration, any representative of the presidential library project, or any individual acting on behalf of President Trump?
  - a. If so, please identify the participants, dates, and subject matter of those discussions.
  - b. During any of these conversations, did SoftBank ask for, or imply, that the company was seeking any particular action from the Trump Administration?
6. Does SoftBank know where the \$50 million contribution is currently held?
  - a. If so, please identify the entity or entities currently controlling or administering those funds.
7. Has SoftBank received any assurances, representations, or documentation indicating that the contribution remains dedicated to the construction, operation, or support of President Trump's presidential library?

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<sup>15</sup> Federal Trade Commission, "20260877: SoftBank Group Corp; DigitalBridge Group, Inc.," March 11, 2026, <https://www.ftc.gov/legal-library/browse/early-termination-notice/20260877>; Federal Trade Commission, Legal Library: Early Termination Notices, <https://www.ftc.gov/legal-library/browse/early-termination-notice>.

- a. If so, please provide those materials.
8. Following the contribution, has SoftBank sought or received any accounting regarding how the funds are being held, managed, or administered?

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



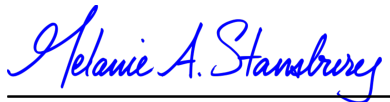
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United States Senator



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