

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

December 6, 2017

Jared Kushner
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Mr. Kushner:

It is our understanding you have retained counsel with regards to investigations of your role in possible collusion by the Donald Trump Presidential Campaign with Russia. This letter does not seek any information related to those investigations.

Instead, we write to ask you to answer two simple questions related to the troubled property located at 666 Fifth Avenue in New York, which is owned by Kushner Cos. We are concerned, based on various reports in the media, that you have a conflict of interest in serving as senior White House advisor with a portfolio of foreign affairs issues while possibly seeking massive cash bailouts for 666 Fifth Avenue from foreign nationals or foreign entities. A negative answer to our two questions in this letter will allay our concerns and those of the American people. An affirmative answer or failure to answer will raise serious red flags.

Earlier this year, *Bloomberg* reported the following:

“Jared Kushner, Donald Trump’s son-in-law and top adviser, wakes up each morning to a growing problem that will not go away. His family’s real estate business, Kushner Cos., owes hundreds of millions of dollars on a 41-story office building on Fifth Avenue. It has failed to secure foreign investors, despite an extensive search, and its resources are more limited than generally understood.”¹

The *Intercept* reported:

“Not long before a major crisis ripped through the Middle East, pitting the United States and a bloc of Gulf countries against Qatar, Jared Kushner’s real estate company had unsuccessfully sought a critical half-billion-dollar investment from one of the richest and most influential men in the tiny nation, according to three well-placed sources with knowledge of the near transaction.”²

And very recently, *Newsweek* reported:

¹ David Kocieniewski and Caleb Melby, “Kushner’s China Deal Flop Was Part of Much Bigger Hunt for Cash,” *Bloomberg*, August 31, 2017.

² Ben Walsh, Ryan Grim and Clayton Swisher, “Jared Kuser Tried and Failed to Get a Half-billion-dollar Bailout from Qatar,” *The Intercept*, July 10, 2017.

And very recently, Newsweek reported:

"Experts say his stake in the Fifth Avenue building alone is more than enough to cause a suspension of an interim security clearance, as some believe he could use his position in the White House to bail out his family's investment."³

We are concerned that you may be leveraging your White House position to seek financial assistance for 666 Fifth Avenue, which according to various reports has at least \$1.2 billion in debt of which more than half is owned by Kuser Cos.⁴ Your surprise trip last month to Saudi Arabia, where you flew commercial with no announcement, was unusual, with no press releases and no discussion of what you communicated with Saudi officials.⁵ Shortly afterwards, Saudi Arabia engaged in a series of actions, such as arresting numerous high-level Saudi citizens and recalling the Prime Minister of Lebanon.

Please answer the following two questions:

1. Since November 8, 2016, did you have any discussions with any foreign nationals or entities in Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, China, Israel, France or any other foreign country (excluding Russia) about 666 Fifth Avenue?
2. If the above answer is yes, did you discuss anything related to helping finance, purchase, or assist with the debt on 666 Fifth Avenue?

These are simple questions that can be answered quickly. We therefore request a response no later than Tuesday, December 12. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

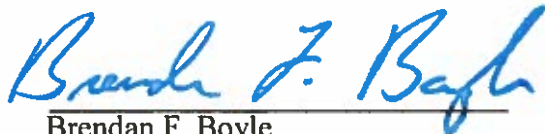
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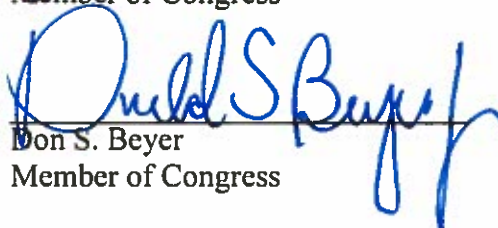
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³ Chris Riotta, "Jared Kushner Can't Pass His Security Clearance Investigation, Officials Say," Newsweek, December 1, 2017.

⁴ David Kocieniewski and Caleb Melby, "Kushners' Control of Family's NYC Crown Jewel Is Now in Jeopardy," Bloomberg, October 16, 2017.

⁵ Ashley Parker, "The Shrinking Profile of Jared Kushner," Washington Post, November 25, 2017.



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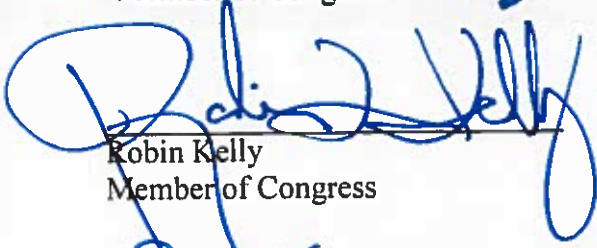
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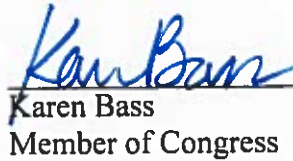
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