

July 29, 2025

Hon. James Comer, Chairman Oversight and Government Reform 2157 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

RE: Request for Investigation into Republican Fundraising Platform WinRed for Campaign Finance Violations

Dear Chairman Comer,

On behalf of the Congressional Integrity Project, I am writing to request a formal investigation into Republican fundraising platform WinRed for systematic violations of campaign finance laws during the 2024 election, including accepting illegal foreign donations and contributions from anonymous donors using fraudulent information.

While President Trump has ordered investigations into Democratic fundraising platform ActBlue, <u>recent</u> reporting from the Associated Press shows evidence of the Republican platform WinRed facilitating thousands of illegal contributions with virtually no oversight or verification measures in place.

## WinRed Systematically Accepted Illegal Campaign Contributions

Federal law prohibits accepting campaign donations from foreign nationals, yet WinRed processed donations from more than 200 donors living abroad whose U.S. citizenship was apparently never verified. Most egregiously, WinRed facilitated a \$5,000 donation from Chinese businessman Jiajun "Jack" Zhang to Trump's campaign, directly violating federal law.

Additionally, WinRed processed over 1,000 contributions from 150 donors who deliberately omitted key identifying details, including at least 90 anonymous donations and four donations from the obviously fake address "999 Anonymous Dr." The platform also accepted nearly \$5,000 across more than 40 transactions from a donor identified only as "Alex, A" who listed a vacant funeral home as their address.

## WinRed Demonstrated Systematic Failure in Donor Verification

Despite these clear red flags, WinRed rejected fewer than 40 contributions to Trump's campaign. This demonstrates a pattern of inadequate oversight and verification procedures that has allowed thousands of potentially illegal contributions to flow through the platform to Republican candidates and causes.



## **Request for Investigation**

The evidence suggests WinRed has operated with insufficient safeguards against illegal foreign contributions and fraudulent donor information. Given the platform's role in processing hundreds of millions of dollars in political contributions, these verification failures represent a serious threat to the campaign finance system.

I respectfully request that your office investigate:

- 1. WinRed's donor verification procedures and whether they meet legal requirements for preventing foreign contributions
- 2. The extent of illegal foreign contributions processed through WinRed
- 3. WinRed's handling of donations from anonymous or clearly fraudulent sources
- 4. Whether WinRed's practices constitute systematic violations of campaign finance laws

Campaign finance laws exist to protect the integrity of our democratic process. All fundraising platforms, regardless of political affiliation, must be held to the same standards when it comes to preventing illegal contributions. A thorough investigation of WinRed's practices is essential to ensure equal application of these critical laws. Moving forward with a one-sided partisan investigation will only further undermine Americans' confidence in our election systems and fully reveal the hypocrisy and partisanship that has overtaken your committee's legitimate oversight responsibilities.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your prompt investigation.

Sincerely,

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cc: Hon. Jim Jordan, Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary

Hon. Bryan Steil, Chairman, Committee on House Administration