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Dear Director “Cash” Patel:

While millions of Americans struggled with skyrocketing healthcare costs, hunger, and missed paychecks due to the Republican “Great Gatsby” shutdown, you used a \$60 million government jet for an overnight date with your girlfriend, a Scottish golfing excursion with your buddies, and a trip to a luxury hunting retreat called “Boondoggle Ranch.”¹ Why should American taxpayers be footing the bill for private jets every time you decide to hang out with your golf buddies, see your girlfriend, or go to your “boondoggle” escape?

On the evening of October 25, you chartered the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s (FBI) Gulfstream G550 passenger jet—an aircraft valued at \$62 million when new and, when privately owned, is typically found in the fleets of billionaires—to College Township, Pennsylvania.² You flew there because your girlfriend was performing at a wrestling match on the campus of Pennsylvania State University.³ After attending her performance, you used the government’s jet to fly with her home to Nashville the following day.⁴ Your “date night” had no apparent connections to your official duties, although it is not clear what those are.

Evidently, the party didn’t stop in Nashville. Later that weekend, you took the FBI jet to San Angelo, Texas, for four days, where Republican Party mega-donor Bubba Saulsbury hosted

¹ Sadie Gurman, et al. *Kash Patel’s ‘Effin Wild’ Ride as FBI Director*, WALL ST. J., (Nov. 11, 2025), <https://www.wsj.com/politics/policy/kash-patel-private-jet-flights-fbi-197da8fd>.

² Marielle Descalsota, *Elon Musk Has Bought 2 Private Jets Over the Past 2 Years. Take a Look Inside the Gulfstream G550, Which Retailers From \$14 Million When Preowned*, BUSINESS INSIDER (May 17, 2022), <https://www.businessinsider.com/elon-musk-private-jet-gulfstream-g550-wealth-lifestyle-photos-tour-2022-5>; Justin Foster, *A Deep Dive into the Private Jet Owned By the FBI*, SIMPLE FLYING (Sept. 25, 2024) <https://simpleflying.com/fbi-private-jet-guide/>; Adam Downer, *Keystone Kash Accused of Using \$60M FBI Jet for Date Night*, DAILY BEAST (Oct. 30, 2025), <https://www.thedailybeast.com/kash-patel-accused-of-using-gov-jet-for-date-night/>.

³ Adam Downer, *Keystone Kash Accused of Using \$60M FBI Jet for Date Night*, DAILY BEAST (Oct. 30, 2025), <https://www.thedailybeast.com/kash-patel-accused-of-using-gov-jet-for-date-night/>.

⁴ *Id.*

you at Boondoggle Ranch—“a scenic hunting resort” that touts itself as the ideal place to “waste money or time on unnecessary or questionable projects.”⁵

Naturally, after public flight logs and your girlfriend’s own social media posts outed your stunning abuse of taxpayer-funded planes, the American people expressed outrage.⁶ But rather than taking responsibility for your actions, you reportedly lashed out at staff and the acting head of FBI’s Critical Incident Response Group (CIRG), who bears no responsibility for your atrocious judgement.⁷

Special Agent Steven Palmer is a 27-year FBI veteran whose responsibilities as the head of CIRG included handling crisis operations, such as terrorism situations and bomb detection.⁸ Just days after you fired him, Washington, D.C.’s Reagan National Airport faced bomb threats and grounded its flights for over an hour, while the CIRG—which oversees the Bureau’s aviation operations and manages the FBI’s response to this type of threat—remained rocked and buffeted by the whimsical firing of its third leader this year.⁹

A man of action, you then took strong steps to prevent future reporting on your personal waste, fraud, and abuse by shielding the FBI’s plane from Flight Aware, an open-source flight tracking service used by reporters and independent watchdogs.¹⁰ Then, amazingly, believing your moves could no longer be traced, you *again* used the government jet to fly to your girlfriend’s home city of Nashville and subsequently threw *her* under the bus when forced to make a statement about it, saying it was your “love of family” that drove you to abuse the FBI plane.¹¹ On top of it all, you were also recently caught using government aircraft to fly yourself and “four or five” friends to Scotland for a golfing trip.¹² Like the women and men of the FBI who serve their country with integrity, commitment, and—in many cases—worked without pay during the GOP shutdown, we are baffled and outraged by your repeated shameless and brazen abuse of your position as FBI director. **This alone is a fireable offense.**

⁵ Sadie Gurman, et al. *Kash Patel’s ‘Effin Wild’ Ride as FBI Director*, WALL ST. J., (Nov. 11, 2025), <https://www.wsj.com/politics/policy/kash-patel-private-jet-flights-fbi-197da8fd>; “Boondoggle Ranch”, INTERNET ARCHIVE (2021), <https://web.archive.org/web/20211226022155/https://boondoggleranch.com/>.

⁶ See, e.g., Amy McCarthy, *Kash Patel Takes \$60M FBI Jet to See Girlfriend 2 Years After Slamming His Predecessor for Using Government Plane*, PEOPLE (Nov. 4, 2025), <https://people.com/kash-patel-takes-60m-fbi-jet-to-see-girlfriend-2-years-after-slamming-predecessor-for-using-government-plane-11842772>; Kyle Seraphin (@KyleSeraphin), X (Nov. 2, 2025), <https://x.com/KyleSeraphin/status/1984980904708550734>; see also Alexis Wilkins (@AlexisWilkins), X (Oct. 26, 2025), <https://x.com/AlexisWilkins/status/1982557569693659397>.

⁷ Ben Penn, *FBI Ousts Leader as Patel Fumes Over Attention to Agency Jet Use*, BLOOMBERG LAW (Nov. 1, 2025), <https://news.bloomberglaw.com/ip-law/fbi-ousts-leader-as-kash-patel-fumes-over-attention-to-agency-jet-use>.

⁸ *Id.*

⁹ *Id.*; Ian Duncan et al., *DCA Flights Grounded for Over an Hour After Reported Bomb Threat*, WASH. POST (Nov. 4, 2025), <https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2025/11/04/dca-flights-ground-stop-bomb-threat/>.

¹⁰ See Will Sommer (@willsommer), X (Nov. 1, 2025), <https://x.com/willsommer/status/1984775620752982077?s=46>.

¹¹ Cameron Adams, *Keystone Kash Patel Busted Using His \$60M FBI Jet Like a Taxi Again*, DAILY BEAST (Nov. 3, 2025), <https://www.thedailybeast.com/keystone-kash-pate-busted-using-his-60m-fbi-jet-like-a-taxi-again/>; Kash Patel (@Kash_Patel), X (Nov. 2, 2025), https://x.com/Kash_Patel/status/1985046122596040717.

¹² Michael Isikoff, *Kash Patel Wouldn’t Be the First FBI Boss to Go Down by Turning His Official Plane into a Private Jet*, SPYTALK (Nov. 4, 2025), <https://www.spytalk.co/p/kash-patel-wouldnt-be-the-first-fbi>.

Your “effin’ wild” ride on a multimillion-dollar government jet for pure pleasure purposes in October is not the first time you commandeered U.S. government aircraft for personal joyrides. In May, Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee called you out for using the Department of Justice’s (DOJ) Boeing 757—a 2-300-passenger jetliner¹³—to attend hockey matches and fight-nights with degenerate celebrities like Mel Gibson and your girlfriend.¹⁴ These facts, in addition to allegations that you have taken boxes of alcohol with you on these trips, make clear that you’re treating government aircraft like your own private party bus on prom weekend.¹⁵ Even more egregious, the FBI is reportedly seeking to procure a new jet worth over \$80 million for your use.¹⁶ This comes after you bragged, almost immediately after becoming FBI Director, about having multiple jets, saying “my business acumen sucks,” and that others “have their own private jets, so the only way I was going to get mine was becoming the Director of the FBI. And now I have two.”¹⁷

Mr. Patel, these planes are not yours. They are the property of the U.S. Government and are paid for by the American people. **You have come to embody the corruption the American people despise.** You should name your new government plane **“The Flying Swamp Monster.”**

As brazen as these abuses are, you are not the only one obsessed with luxury jets in this Administration. Earlier this year, President Trump accepted a \$400 million “flying palace” gifted by the Qatari government over bipartisan objections and criticisms¹⁸ and in direct violation of the Foreign Emoluments Clause of the Constitution.¹⁹ Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem, for her part, directed the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to spend nearly \$200 million

¹³ “Boeing 757”, GLOBALAIR, <https://www.globalair.com/aircraft-for-sale/specifications?specid=833>.

¹⁴ Daniel Klaidman, *Senate Democrats Seek Inquiry Into Kash Patel’s Use of FBI Aircraft*, CBS NEWS (May 5, 2025), <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/kash-patel-fbi-aircraft-democrats-gao-inquiry/>; See also Senator Peter Welch, Press Release, *Welch Slams FBI Director Patel for Misuse of FBI Jet, Wasting Taxpayer Dollars: “We didn’t make it mandatory that you go to UFC games with Mel Gibson.”*, (Sept. 16, 2025), <https://www.welch.senate.gov/welch-slams-fbi-director-patel-for-misuse-of-fbi-jet-wasting-taxpayer-dollars-we-didnt-make-it-mandatory-that-you-go-to-ufc-games-with-mel-gibson/>.

¹⁵ Kyle Seraphin (@KyleSeraphin), X (July 15, 2025), <https://x.com/KyleSeraphin/status/1945227737926455543>.

¹⁶ Kyle Seraphin (@KyleSeraphin), X (July 15, 2025), <https://x.com/KyleSeraphin/status/1945227742464586018>; “Gulfstream G700”, GUARDIANJET, <https://www.guardianjet.com/jet-aircraft-online-tools/aircraft-brochure.cfm?m=Gulfstream-G700-208>.

¹⁷ Kyle Seraphin (@KyleSeraphin), X (July 15, 2025), <https://x.com/KyleSeraphin/status/1945227740346462714>.

¹⁸ Peter Nicholas, *While Pushing ‘America First,’ Trump Set to Accept Qatar’s Luxury Jet as Air Force One*, NBC NEWS (May 12, 2025), <https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/donald-trump/america-first-trump-qatar-luxury-jet-air-force-one-rcna206254>; H. Comm. on the Judiciary Democrats, Press Release, *Judiciary Democrats Open Investigation into Trump’s Qatari Plane Deal, Seek Answers from Trump DOJ and White House Counsel*, (May 15 2025), <https://democrats-judiciary.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/judiciary-democrats-open-investigation-into-trump-s-qatari-plane-deal-seek-answers-from-trump-doj-and-white-house-counsel>.

¹⁹ “And no Person holding any Office of Profit or Trust under them, shall, without the Consent of the Congress, accept of any present, Emolument, Office, or Title, of any kind whatever, from any King, Prince, or foreign State.” U.S. Const. art. I, § 9, cl. 8.

in taxpayer funds on a pair of luxury jets, during the shutdown.²⁰ In true “keeping up with the Joneses” fashion, Secretary Noem appears to covet the exact same kind of plane you gift, the “Industry Flagship” Gulfstream G700—with space for a grand suite, a large bed and restroom with a shower, anti-jet lag “circadian” lighting systems, and panoramic windows—that you are looking to buy with everyone else’s money.²¹

By regulation, you are required to reimburse the government for non-official travel and furnish the public with information regarding any travel on government aircraft by non-officials.²² The House Judiciary Committee has been investigating precisely this kind of corruption, misuse of government resources, waste, and fraud in federal law enforcement agencies. Accordingly, we demand you provide the following to the Committee no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 15, 2025.

1. All records relating to travel by non-federal employee passengers on DOJ or FBI-owned or -leased planes (“government aircraft”) during the current Trump Administration, including but not limited to the amounts owed and paid by such passengers and the information which the government would have to provide about those passengers and their trips pursuant to a Freedom of Information Act request about them as authorized by 41 CFR § 301-10.266;
2. All records relating to the travel of you and any other federal employee passengers who have traveled on government aircraft during the current Trump Administration, including but not limited to the reimbursement amounts owed and paid by such passengers to the government;
3. Justifications for each passenger’s travel that is encompassed by your responses to (1) and (2);
4. All internal communications regarding each passenger’s travel that is encompassed by your responses to (1) and (2);
5. All communications regarding staffing decisions during the current Trump Administration about FBI personnel whose jobs relate to travel on government aircraft; and

²⁰ H. Comm. on Homeland Security Democrats. Press Release, *Ranking Member Thompson Statement on Kristi Noem Buying Luxury Jets with Taxpayer Money During the Republican Shutdown for Her Personal Use*, (Oct. 18, 2025), <https://democrats-homeland.house.gov/news/press-releases/ranking-member-thompson-statement-on-kristi-noem-buying-luxury-jets-with-taxpayer-money-during-the-republican-shutdown-for-her-personal-use>.

²¹ “Industry Flagship,” GULFSTREAM, <https://www.gulfstream.com/en/aircraft/gulfstream-g700/>; Press Release *Flexjet Unveils First Gulfstream G700, Redefining Luxury in Private Jet Travel*, FLEXJET (Sept. 17, 2025), <https://flexjet.com/press/flexjet-unveils-first-gulfstream-g700-redefining-luxury-in-private-jet-travel/>; Catie Edmondson, *Coast Guard Buys Two Private Jets for Noem, Costing \$172 Million*, N.Y. TIMES, (OCT 18, 2025) <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/10/18/us/politics/kristi-noem-dhs-gulfstream.html>.

²² 41 CFR § 301-10.264, 10.266.

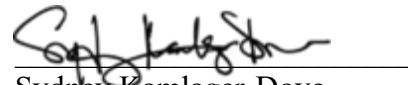
6. All memos and other communications during the current Trump Administration discussing the acquisition of new aircraft by DOJ and FBI.

We are sure you will have no problem finding this information because you are Wizard Kash, a fairytale superhero “known far and wide as the one person who could discover anything about anything”! Thank you for your attention, Sir!

Very truly yours,



Jamie Raskin
Ranking Member



Sydney Kamlager-Dove
Member of Congress

cc: The Honorable Jim Jordan, Chairman