

**Congress of the United States**  
Washington, DC 20515

June 1, 2026

The Honorable Kenneth Paxton  
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Dear Attorney General Paxton:

For years, Texas residents—many of them seniors or people with disabilities—have reported to your office that they are being defrauded by the donation platform WinRed. One Texas woman agreed to make a one-time contribution to a few Republican candidates she wanted to support: WinRed emptied more than \$15,000 out of her bank account for just a few authorized smaller contributions, at one point charging her account 29 times in just one day. She wrote to you saying that she “**didn’t realize they were sucking my life savings out of my bank account.**”<sup>1</sup> You never even wrote her back. A different donor from Fort Worth complained to your office that WinRed had siphoned \$11,000 from his account without his authorization, writing: “**I am 81 and feel taken advantage of.**”<sup>2</sup> He is still waiting in vain for your response.

While you have done nothing to investigate dozens of such complaints from Texans about being defrauded by WinRed, the platform used to process campaign contributions to Republican candidates and political committees, your office has opened an investigation into an unrelated entity, ActBlue, which processes donations to Democratic candidates and causes.<sup>3</sup>

This decision, while thoroughly corrupt, is in no way surprising. Over the last 18 months, Republicans in the Trump Administration, Congress, and in state capitals across the country have launched a coordinated effort to target ActBlue and run it out of business based on bogus allegations.<sup>4</sup> Yet you have consistently refused to investigate the far more significant allegations against WinRed made by your own constituents and donors. After the 2020 election, banks and

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<sup>1</sup> Bayliss Wagner, *Ken Paxton Ignored Complaints About GOP Fundraiser He Uses, Then Sued Its Democratic Competitor*, AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN (May 12, 2026), [www.statesman.com/politics/article/ken-paxton-winred-actblue-complaints-22245170.php](http://www.statesman.com/politics/article/ken-paxton-winred-actblue-complaints-22245170.php).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> See, Solutions, ACTBLUE, <https://www.actblue.com/solutions/> (accessed May 28, 2026); About, WINRED, <https://winred.com/about> (accessed May 28, 2026).

<sup>4</sup> Megan Messerly & Calder McHugh, *Trump to Target ActBlue in Presidential Memorandum*, POLITICO (Apr. 24, 2025), <https://www.politico.com/news/2025/04/24/trump-to-target-actblue-in-presidential-memorandum-00307251>; Gabe Kaminsky, *House Republicans Threaten Democratic Fundraising Firm ActBlue CEO with Contempt of Congress in Fraud Probe*, CBS NEWS (Apr. 14, 2026), <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/house-republicans-threaten-actblue-ceo-contempt-of-congress/>; Lauren Keenan, *Republicans Expand Their ActBlue ‘Smurfing’ Investigation to 19 States*, STRAIGHT ARROW NEWS (Oct. 10, 2024), <https://san.com/cc/republicans-expand-their-actblue-smurfing-investigation-to-19-states/>.

credit card issuers “estimated that WinRed cases, at their peak” represented as much as 3% of their workload—“a shockingly large percentage.”<sup>5</sup> Between January 2022 and June 2024, the Federal Trade Commission received more than 800 complaints about WinRed—nearly seven times more complaints than it received about ActBlue.<sup>6</sup> These raw numbers quantify the deeply disturbing stories told by Republican donors. In 2024, CNN reported that one “82-year-old woman, who wore pajamas with holes in them because she didn’t want to spend money on new ones, didn’t realize she had given Republicans more than \$350,000.”<sup>7</sup>

An Associated Press investigation also raised significant concerns that WinRed’s platform is involved in funneling illegal foreign money into American elections. The review of President Trump’s campaign donations found over “1,600 contributions from donors who live abroad, have close ties to foreign interests or failed to disclose basic information.”<sup>8</sup> Many of these donations were made through WinRed.<sup>9</sup> One of the donors who used WinRed’s platform was a Chinese businessman who gave \$5,000 to Mr. Trump and listed a La Quinta Inn as his address; multiple donations came from individuals listing “999 Anonymous Dr” as their domicile.<sup>10</sup>

These widespread complaints of serious fraud conducted on, or by, WinRed’s platform has somehow escaped not only your notice, but that of Donald Trump and congressional Republicans—all of whom themselves use WinRed to solicit millions in donations that may have partially been procured by fraudulent and deceptive means. It is clear that this willful blindness has come home to roost: dozens of your constituents are being defrauded, in real time. But because of your default position of extreme partisan politics and desire to wage unencumbered lawfare, you are doing nothing about it.

The Democratic leadership of the House Committee on the Judiciary, the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and the House Committee on Administration stands ready to investigate serious and credible allegations of fraud that may harm our seniors and influence our elections, regardless of politics. You are failing Texas victims, and you seem to be abusing your law enforcement authority for partisan ends.

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<sup>5</sup> Shane Goldmacher, *How Trump Steered Supporters into Unwitting Donations*, N.Y. TIMES (Apr. 3, 2021), [www.nytimes.com/2021/04/03/us/politics/trump-donations.html](http://www.nytimes.com/2021/04/03/us/politics/trump-donations.html).

<sup>6</sup> Blake Ellis, et al., *How Elderly Dementia Patients Are Unwittingly Fueling Political Campaigns*, CNN (Oct. 22, 2024), [www.cnn.com/interactive/2024/10/politics/political-fundraising-elderly-election-invs-dg/](http://www.cnn.com/interactive/2024/10/politics/political-fundraising-elderly-election-invs-dg/).

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

<sup>8</sup> Brian Slodysko & Steve Peoples, *Trump Wants an Investigation of Democrats’ Fundraising. His Own Campaign Has Issues*, ASSOC. PRESS (May 27, 2025), [www.ap.org/news-highlights/spotlights/2025/trump-wants-an-investigation-of-democrats-fundraising-his-own-campaign-has-issues/](http://www.ap.org/news-highlights/spotlights/2025/trump-wants-an-investigation-of-democrats-fundraising-his-own-campaign-has-issues/); Brian Slodysko & Steve Peoples, *Takeaways: Trump’s Campaign Has Received Scores of Donations from Problematic Donors*, ASSOC. PRESS (May 27, 2025), <https://apnews.com/article/trump-campaign-donations-actblue-winred-db5e5a42fec2a95eb4616998f09eb366>.

<sup>9</sup> Brian Slodysko & Steve Peoples, *Trump Wants an Investigation of Democrats’ Fundraising. His Own Campaign Has Issues*, ASSOC. PRESS (May 27, 2025), [www.ap.org/news-highlights/spotlights/2025/trump-wants-an-investigation-of-democrats-fundraising-his-own-campaign-has-issues/](http://www.ap.org/news-highlights/spotlights/2025/trump-wants-an-investigation-of-democrats-fundraising-his-own-campaign-has-issues/).

<sup>10</sup> *Id.*

To fill the void you have left, the House Committee on the Judiciary, the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and the House Committee on Administration are investigating serious reports of fraud on WinRed and your office's potential complicity in allowing this long-running potential fraud to continue. Pursuant to this investigation, and the Committees' broad jurisdiction over elections and criminal and civil fraud matters, we request the following documents, to be produced no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 8, 2026.

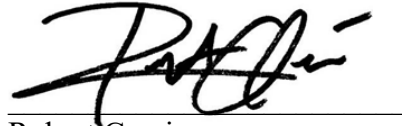
1. All complaints, referrals, or records reflecting consumer complaints regarding WinRed in the state of Texas since 2015;
2. All internal memoranda, analyses, comparisons, or communications regarding the frequency or severity of complaints, referrals, or records reflecting consumer complaints regarding WinRed; and
3. All communications with WinRed, including but not limited to complaints and discussions of potential investigations into campaign donation platforms.

We look forward to your timely compliance with these important oversight requests.

Very truly yours,



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