

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3203

May 13, 2025

The Honorable Pam Bondi  
Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Attorney General Bondi:

Yesterday President Trump confirmed press reports that he plans to accept a \$400 million luxury Boeing 747 jet from the Qatari royal family, and eventually transfer it to his private museum foundation. The reporting also confirmed that you had personally signed off on this transaction, which President Trump described as “a very nice gesture” from the Qataris.

As I said today on the Senate floor, this has the appearance of naked corruption. I also believe it is a grave national security risk. Given reports that you played a central role in approving this proposal, I request answers to the following:

1. Under the proposal that President Trump announced, are the Qataris delivering a ready-on-day-one aircraft with secure presidential communications, self-defense systems, shielding, and other security requirements already built in?
2. If so, who installed those security measures and how do we know they don't pose a threat?
3. If not, what modifications would be needed to ensure a foreign-sourced Air Force One is safe to use and free of security threats, such as foreign cyber exploits or other embedded surveillance technology?
4. Will American taxpayers have to cover the costs of the extensive retrofit and security modifications? How much will those modifications cost taxpayers?
5. According to press, in 2018 the Trump administration negotiated a \$3.9 billion contract for Boeing to deliver two new presidential aircraft. If taxpayers are forced to pay for modifications and maintenance of this new foreign-sourced aircraft, does it mean that the U.S. Government will cancel the contract for the future Boeing planes? If so, how much will that cancellation cost?
6. If the administration is not planning to cancel the future presidential aircraft program, then how do you justify the resources being committed to a foreign-sourced aircraft that will only be used by our government for a few years?

7. Additionally, who in the Trump administration was responsible for negotiating this agreement and what are its parameters? What is Qatar being offered in return?
8. Finally, in February 2025 you issued a memorandum that deprioritized enforcement of the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA) and other foreign influence laws. Please explain this decision to weaken FARA, which requires agents of foreign governments, like Qatar, to register and disclose their activities.

Until the administration provides a detailed justification for this new program, including complete and comprehensive answers to these and other questions posed by oversight committees, I will place a hold on all political nominees of the Department of Justice.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this request. I look forward to reviewing the forthcoming responses.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles Schumer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Charles" and last name "Schumer" clearly legible.

Charles E. Schumer  
United States Senator

cc: Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth