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Mr. David Warrington  
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Dear Mr. Warrington:

Following President Trump's recent appointment of his son-in-law Jared Kushner as a special envoy, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington ("CREW") respectfully urges your office to collect and review Mr. Kushner's public financial disclosure report as soon as possible within the statutorily mandated timeframe of 30 days.

Two weeks ago, on February 19, 2026, President Trump announced that he was appointing Mr. Kushner as a Special Envoy for Peace.<sup>1</sup> Following that announcement, CREW issued a statement recognizing that the appointment was an important step to ensuring that Mr. Kushner would be subject to federal ethics rules, rather than acting without accountability as he has been while involved in the administration's foreign policy over the past year without a formal appointment.<sup>2</sup> With the president's announcement, Mr. Kushner is formally recognized in the same role as Steve Witkoff, who was appointed as a special envoy and consequently filed a public financial disclosure report as required by Office of Government Ethics ("OGE") regulations. It is imperative that Mr. Kushner follow the same legal and ethical requirements as Mr. Witkoff - and all other presidential appointees - and file the required public financial disclosure report as soon as possible within 30 days of his appointment.<sup>3</sup>

Mr. Kushner has been involved in the most serious foreign policy and national security issues of the day, including the conflicts in Ukraine, Gaza, and Iran.<sup>4</sup> But to public knowledge, he

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<sup>1</sup> Laura Kelly, *Trump Says Son-In-Law Kushner Promoted to "Peace Envoy,"* The Hill (Feb. 19, 2026), <https://thehill.com/policy/international/5745129-trump-kushner-peace-envoy/>.

<sup>2</sup> Press Release, *CREW Statement on Jared Kushner's Role as Special Peace Envoy*, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (Feb. 20, 2026), <https://www.citizensforethics.org/news/press-releases/crew-statement-on-jared-kushners-role-as-special-peace-envoy/>.

<sup>3</sup> See 5 C.F.R. § 2634.201(b)(1).

<sup>4</sup> Natalia Drozdiak et al., *Trump Puts Fate of World's Top Conflicts in the Hands of Two Men*, Bloomberg (Feb. 26, 2026), <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2026-02-26/trump-puts-fate-of-world-s-top-conflicts-in-the-hands-of-two-men>.

has not been subject to any transparency requirements, nor has he been vetted through the security clearance process or Senate confirmation to assess potential conflicts that could undermine his ability to carry out the duties of his role or identify financial conflicts of interest. As you well know, and the government website for US intelligence careers explains, the security clearance process examines applicants' "life history to make sure [they] meet the standards to safeguard the nation's secrets."<sup>5</sup> The process is designed to ensure that applicants: "[a]re free from conflicting allegiances to other countries ... [a]re not a potential risk for blackmail ... and [w]ill abide by regulations governing the use, handling and protection of sensitive information."<sup>6</sup> The risk of Mr. Kushner's potential conflicts is particularly concerning because his private investment firm has very publicly done significant business with foreign partners who also have interests in the conflicts on which he has been assigned to work.<sup>7</sup>

For nearly five decades, senior executive branch officials and all presidential appointees have been required to file public financial disclosure statements, a requirement that has been effectively upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court as a critical tool in guarding against conflicts of interest and self-dealing by public officials.<sup>8</sup> Such behavior undermines the public trust, the protection of which widely is regarded as executive branch officials' primary obligation.<sup>9</sup> Consequently, as a result of President Trump's appointment of Mr. Kushner as special envoy, Mr. Kushner will need to disclose both past positions and affiliations, as well as his financial arrangements, assets, and liabilities. As with every other presidential appointee, the public is entitled to this information to identify and prevent opportunities for the misuse of public office for private gain or the gain of others in their orbit.

As you know, collecting Mr. Kushner's disclosure report is a critical first step, potentially followed by any needed divestment, changes to trust arrangements, or other steps as required by OGE to ensure that he is in compliance with federal law and the Constitution. Mr. Kushner's history of financial gains resulting from his time as a White House advisor during President Trump's first term raises serious concerns about potential conflicts of interest that must be addressed before Mr. Kushner participates in any additional matters that may relate to his own financial interests or those of his investors.<sup>10</sup> Accountability of public officials and the integrity of government processes must be paramount.

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<sup>5</sup> *Security Clearance Process*, US Intelligence Careers (last accessed Mar. 9, 2026), <https://www.intelligencecareers.gov/security-clearance-process>.

<sup>6</sup> *Id.*

<sup>7</sup> See Andrew Roth, *The "Enormous Conflict of Interest" at Centre of Jared Kushner's Gaza Ceasefire Deal*, *The Guardian* (Oct. 19, 2025), <https://www.theguardian.com/news/ng-interactive/2025/oct/19/the-enormous-conflict-of-interest-at-centre-of-jared-kushners-gaza-ceasefire-deal>; *Kushner's Affinity's Assets Jump to \$4.8 Billion After Gulf Cash Injection*, *Reuters* (Mar. 28, 2025), <https://www.reuters.com/business/finance/kushners-affinitys-assets-jump-48-billion-after-gulf-cash-injection-2025-03-28/>; Mohamad Bazzi, *Jared Kushner Is Back - and So Are Big Questions About His Financial Ties*, *The Guardian* (Oct. 29, 2025), <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2025/oct/29/jared-kushner-financial-ties-trump>.

<sup>8</sup> *Duplantier v. United States*, 606 F.2d 654 (5th Cir. 1979), cert. denied, 449 U.S. 1076 (1981).

<sup>9</sup> 5 C.F.R. § 2635.101.

<sup>10</sup> Jordan Libowitz and Caitlin Moniz, *Jared and Ivanka Made Up to \$640 Million in the White House*, *Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington* (Feb. 8, 2021), <https://www.citizensforethics.org/reports-investigations/crew-investigations/jared-and-ivanka-made-up-to-640-million-in-the-white-house/>.

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CREW greatly appreciates your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D.K. Sherman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Donald K. Sherman  
President and Chief Executive Officer

Cc: U.S. Office of Government Ethics