

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

January 8, 2019

Mr. Pat Cipollone
Counsel to the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Cipollone:

I am writing to request documents related to President Trump's reporting of debts and payments to his personal attorney, Michael Cohen, to silence women alleging extramarital affairs with the President before the election. On September 12, 2018, I requested documents regarding these concerns, and I have not yet received a response to my request—now four months outstanding.¹

As you know, I am now the Chairman of the Committee on Oversight and Reform, which has jurisdiction over a wide range of matters, including the Ethics in Government Act of 1978. This law requires all federal officials, including the President, to publicly disclose financial liabilities that could impact their decision-making.

I request that you comply with the previous request for documents that I made on September 12, 2018. Specifically, please provide the following documents to the Committee by January 22, 2019:

1. All documents and communications referring or relating to payments by President Trump or the Trump Organization to Mr. Cohen, including but not limited to payments through Essential Consultants LLC;
2. All documents and communications referring or relating to the reporting of liabilities in President Trump's June 2017 and May 2018 financial disclosure reports, including but not limited to payments made by President Trump or the Trump Organization to Mr. Cohen;
3. All documents and communications referring or relating to the Trump Organization's treatment of reimbursement payments to Mr. Cohen for tax purposes;
4. All bills and invoices for legal services provided by Mr. Cohen to President Trump or the Trump Organization in 2016 and 2017;

¹ Letter from Ranking Member Elijah E. Cummings, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to Donald F. McGahn II, Counsel to the President, White House, and George A. Sorial, Executive Vice President of the Trump Organization (Sept. 12, 2018) (online at <https://democrats-oversight.house.gov/news/press-releases/cummings-requests-documents-on-president-trump-s-failure-to-accurately-report>).

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5. All documents and communications referring or relating to President Trump and employees or officers of the Trump Organization related to payments for services provided by Mr. Cohen; and
6. A complete statement of the expenditures made by Mr. Cohen in 2016 and reimbursed by President Trump, as required by federal law and regulations.

The Committee on Oversight and Reform is the principal oversight committee of the House of Representatives and has broad authority to investigate “any matter” at “any time” under House Rule X. In addition, House Rule X, clause 3(i) specifically charges the Committee with conducting oversight of “the operation of Government activities at all levels, including the Executive Office of the President.”

An attachment to this letter provides additional instructions for responding to the Committee’s request. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact my staff at (202) 225-5051.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,



Elijah E. Cummings
Chairman
Committee on Oversight and Reform

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Jim Jordan, Ranking Member