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August 11, 2022

Mr. Raphael Bostic President Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta 1000 Peachtree Street NE Atlanta, GA 30309

Dear President Bostic,

In the aftermath of yet another report documenting the Federal Reserve's (Fed's) failure to provide information on the full scope of the nearly year-long ethics scandal involving financial trading by key Fed officials,¹ I write to request that the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta disclose all stock, bond, and other investment trades by senior officials from January 1, 2020 to the present.

In September 2021, news reports revealed that the presidents of the Boston and Dallas Federal Reserve Banks and other senior Fed policymakers engaged in extensive trading of stocks and other financial assets while the Fed took extraordinary actions to address the economic fallout of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.² In a letter I sent to you on September 15, 2021,³ I requested that you put in place ethics and financial conflict of interest rules at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta at least as robust as those in my *Anti-Corruption and Public Integrity Act.*⁴ To date, I have sent three public letters to Chair Jerome Powell requesting that the Fed disclose all trades by Fed governors and presidents in the period between January 1, 2020 and the present, and release critical communications between Fed ethics staff and Fed officials.⁵

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But even as evidence of a deep-rooted ethics failure at the Fed has mounted, Chair Powell has refused to disclose the requested information.

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The Fed's failure to require financial disclosures for Mr. Kaplan and Mr. Rosengren is one of a string of actions¹² that have severely compounded concerns about the Fed's lack of transparency and commitment to addressing the Fed's broken ethics culture. The Fed's Office of the Inspector General (OIG) recently released some of the conclusions of its investigation into this matter¹³ - which did nothing to mitigate concerns about the culture of corruption at the Fed.

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My ongoing concerns about the culture of corruption at the Fed have become more extensive with each new revelation, and with each additional failure by the Fed to provide the information needed by Congress and the public to evaluate the full extent of trading activity by Fed officials and bolster the American people's trust in the Federal Reserve System. I therefore ask that you disclose to my office all stock, bond, and other investment trades by senior officials at the Atlanta Fed from January 1, 2020 to the present by August 25, 2022.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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August 11, 2022

Dr. Susan Collins President and CEO Federal Reserve Bank of Boston 600 Atlantic Avenue Boston, MA 02210

Dear President Collins,

In the aftermath of yet another report documenting the Federal Reserve's (Fed's) failure to provide information on the full scope of the nearly year-long ethics scandal involving financial trading by key Fed officials,¹ I write to request that the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston disclose all stock, bond, and other investment trades by senior officials from January 1, 2020 to the present.

In September 2021, news reports revealed that the presidents of the Boston and Dallas Federal Reserve Banks and other senior Fed policymakers engaged in extensive trading of stocks and other financial assets while the Fed took extraordinary actions to address the economic fallout of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.² In a letter I sent to your predecessor, Eric Rosengren, on September 15, 2021,³ I requested that he put in place ethics and financial conflict of interest rules at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston at least as robust as those in my *Anti-Corruption and Public Integrity Act*.⁴ He neglected to do so. To date, I have sent three public letters to Chair Jerome Powell requesting that the Fed disclose all trades by Fed governors and presidents in the period between January 1, 2020 and the present, and release critical communications between Fed ethics staff and Fed officials.⁵ But even as evidence of a deep-

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According to this report, the Fed "did not disclose updated financial information for two former regional bank presidents whose trading ignited a scandal at the central bank, even though they held important monetary policy roles for most of 2021."⁸ Though Eric Rosengren, your predecessor, and Robert S. Kaplan, the former president of the Dallas Fed – both of whom resigned as the Fed's trading scandal came to light – "sat in their policy roles for most of last year, when the Fed was debating market-critical topics like how to handle the onset of rapid inflation and when to pull back economic support, neither of their reserve banks published fresh disclosures to cover the end of their tenures."⁹ A representative for the Boston Fed claimed that the rules in place did not require Mr. Rosengren to file updated financial disclosures upon his departure.¹⁰ The Dallas Fed made a similar claim.¹¹

The Fed's failure to require financial disclosures for Mr. Kaplan and Mr. Rosengren is one of a string of actions¹² that have severely compounded concerns about the Fed's lack of transparency and commitment to addressing the Fed's broken ethics culture. The Fed's Office of the Inspector General (OIG) recently released some of the conclusions of its investigation into this matter¹³ - which did nothing to mitigate concerns about the culture of corruption at the Fed.

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My ongoing concerns about the culture of corruption at the Fed have become more extensive with each new revelation, and with each additional failure by the Fed to provide the information needed by Congress and the public to evaluate the full extent of trading activity by Fed officials and bolster the American people's trust in the Federal Reserve System. I therefore ask that you disclose to my office all stock, bond, and other investment trades by senior officials at the Boston Fed, including Mr. Rosengren, from January 1, 2020 to the present by August 25, 2022.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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August 11, 2022

Mr. Charles L. Evans President Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago 230 South LaSalle Street Chicago IL, 60604

Dear President Evans,

In the aftermath of yet another report documenting the Federal Reserve's (Fed's) failure to provide information on the full scope of the nearly year-long ethics scandal involving financial trading by key Fed officials,¹ I write to request that the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago disclose all stock, bond, and other investment trades by senior officials from January 1, 2020 to the present.

In September 2021, news reports revealed that the presidents of the Boston and Dallas Federal Reserve Banks and other senior Fed policymakers engaged in extensive trading of stocks and other financial assets while the Fed took extraordinary actions to address the economic fallout of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.² In a letter I sent to you on September 15, 2021,³ I requested that you put in place ethics and financial conflict of interest rules at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago at least as robust as those in my *Anti-Corruption and Public Integrity Act.*⁴ To date, I have sent three public letters to Chair Jerome Powell requesting that the Fed disclose all trades by Fed governors and presidents in the period between January 1, 2020 and the present, and release critical communications between Fed ethics staff and Fed officials.⁵

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August 11, 2022

Ms. Loretta J. Mester President Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland 1455 East Sixth Street Cleveland, OH 44114

Dear President Mester,

In the aftermath of yet another report documenting the Federal Reserve's (Fed's) failure to provide information on the full scope of the nearly year-long ethics scandal involving financial trading by key Fed officials,¹ I write to request that the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland disclose all stock, bond, and other investment trades by senior officials from January 1, 2020 to the present.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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August 11, 2022

Ms. Meredith Black Interim President and CEO Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas 2200 N. Pearl Street Dallas, TX 75201

Dear Interim President Black,

In the aftermath of yet another report documenting the Federal Reserve's (Fed's) failure to provide information on the full scope of the nearly year-long ethics scandal involving financial trading by key Fed officials,¹ I write to request that the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas disclose all stock, bond, and other investment trades by senior officials from January 1, 2020 to the present.

In September 2021, news reports revealed that the presidents of the Boston and Dallas Federal Reserve Banks and other senior Fed policymakers engaged in extensive trading of stocks and other financial assets while the Fed took extraordinary actions to address the economic fallout of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.² In a letter I sent to your predecessor, Robert S. Kaplan, on September 15, 2021,³ I requested that he put in place ethics and financial conflict of interest rules at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas at least as robust as those in my *Anti-Corruption and Public Integrity Act*.⁴ He neglected to do so. To date, I have sent three public letters to Chair Jerome Powell requesting that the Fed disclose all trades by Fed governors and presidents in the period between January 1, 2020 and the present, and release critical communications between Fed ethics staff and Fed officials.⁵ But even as evidence of a deep-

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According to this report, the Fed "did not disclose updated financial information for two former regional bank presidents whose trading ignited a scandal at the central bank, even though they held important monetary policy roles for most of 2021."⁸ Though Robert S. Kaplan, your predecessor, and Eric Rosengren, the former president of the Boston Fed – both of whom resigned as the Fed's trading scandal came to light – "sat in their policy roles for most of last year, when the Fed was debating market-critical topics like how to handle the onset of rapid inflation and when to pull back economic support, neither of their reserve banks published fresh disclosures to cover the end of their tenures."⁹ A representative for the Dallas Fed claimed that the rules in place did not require Mr. Kaplan to file updated financial disclosures upon his departure.¹⁰ The Boston Fed made a similar claim.¹¹

The Fed's failure to require financial disclosures for Mr. Kaplan and Mr. Rosengren is one of a string of actions¹² that have severely compounded concerns about the Fed's lack of transparency and commitment to addressing the Fed's broken ethics culture. The Fed's Office of the Inspector General (OIG) recently released some of the conclusions of its investigation into this matter¹³ - which did nothing to mitigate concerns about the culture of corruption at the Fed.

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My ongoing concerns about the culture of corruption at the Fed have become more extensive with each new revelation, and with each additional failure by the Fed to provide the information needed by Congress and the public to evaluate the full extent of trading activity by Fed officials and bolster the American people's trust in the Federal Reserve System. I therefore ask that you disclose to my office all stock, bond, and other investment trades by senior officials at the Dallas Fed, including Mr. Kaplan, from January 1, 2020 to the present by August 25, 2022.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Ms. Esther L. George President Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City 1 Memorial Drive Kansas City, MO 64198

Dear President George,

In the aftermath of yet another report documenting the Federal Reserve's (Fed's) failure to provide information on the full scope of the nearly year-long ethics scandal involving financial trading by key Fed officials,¹ I write to request that the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City disclose all stock, bond, and other investment trades by senior officials from January 1, 2020 to the present.

In September 2021, news reports revealed that the presidents of the Boston and Dallas Federal Reserve Banks and other senior Fed policymakers engaged in extensive trading of stocks and other financial assets while the Fed took extraordinary actions to address the economic fallout of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.² In a letter I sent to you on September 15, 2021,³ I requested that you put in place ethics and financial conflict of interest rules at the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City at least as robust as those in my *Anti-Corruption and Public Integrity Act*.⁴ To date, I have sent three public letters to Chair Jerome Powell requesting that the Fed disclose all trades by Fed governors and presidents in the period between January 1, 2020 and the present, and release critical communications between Fed ethics staff and Fed officials.⁵ But even as evidence of a deep-rooted ethics failure at the Fed has mounted, Chair Powell has refused to disclose the requested information.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Mr. Neel Kashkari President Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis 90 Hennepin Avenue Minneapolis, MN 55401

Dear President Kashkari,

In the aftermath of yet another report documenting the Federal Reserve's (Fed's) failure to provide information on the full scope of the nearly year-long ethics scandal involving financial trading by key Fed officials,¹ I write to request that the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis disclose all stock, bond, and other investment trades by senior officials from January 1, 2020 to the present.

In September 2021, news reports revealed that the presidents of the Boston and Dallas Federal Reserve Banks and other senior Fed policymakers engaged in extensive trading of stocks and other financial assets while the Fed took extraordinary actions to address the economic fallout of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.² In a letter I sent to you on September 15, 2021,³ I requested that you put in place ethics and financial conflict of interest rules at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis at least as robust as those in my *Anti-Corruption and Public Integrity Act.*⁴ To date, I have sent three public letters to Chair Jerome Powell requesting that the Fed disclose all trades by Fed governors and presidents in the period between January 1, 2020 and the present, and release critical communications between Fed ethics staff and Fed officials.⁵ But even as evidence of a deep-rooted ethics failure at the Fed has mounted, Chair Powell has refused to disclose the requested information.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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August 11, 2022

Mr. John C. Williams President Federal Reserve Bank of New York 33 Liberty Street New York, NY 10045

Dear President Williams,

In the aftermath of yet another report documenting the Federal Reserve's (Fed's) failure to provide information on the full scope of the nearly year-long ethics scandal involving financial trading by key Fed officials,¹ I write to request that the Federal Reserve Bank of New York disclose all stock, bond, and other investment trades by senior officials from January 1, 2020 to the present.

In September 2021, news reports revealed that the presidents of the Boston and Dallas Federal Reserve Banks and other senior Fed policymakers engaged in extensive trading of stocks and other financial assets while the Fed took extraordinary actions to address the economic fallout of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.² In a letter I sent to you on September 15, 2021,³ I requested that you put in place ethics and financial conflict of interest rules at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York at least as robust as those in my *Anti-Corruption and Public Integrity Act.*⁴ To date, I have sent three public letters to Chair Jerome Powell requesting that the Fed disclose all trades by Fed governors and presidents in the period between January 1, 2020 and the present, and release critical communications between Fed ethics staff and Fed officials.⁵

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Mr. Patrick T. Harker President Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia Ten Independence Mall Philadelphia, PA 19106

Dear President Harker,

In the aftermath of yet another report documenting the Federal Reserve's (Fed's) failure to provide information on the full scope of the nearly year-long ethics scandal involving financial trading by key Fed officials,¹ I write to request that the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia disclose all stock, bond, and other investment trades by senior officials from January 1, 2020 to the present.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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August 11, 2022

Mr. Thomas I. Barkin President and CEO Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond 701 East Byrd Street Richmond, VA 23219

Dear President Barkin,

In the aftermath of yet another report documenting the Federal Reserve's (Fed's) failure to provide information on the full scope of the nearly year-long ethics scandal involving financial trading by key Fed officials,¹ I write to request that the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond disclose all stock, bond, and other investment trades by senior officials from January 1, 2020 to the present.

In September 2021, news reports revealed that the presidents of the Boston and Dallas Federal Reserve Banks and other senior Fed policymakers engaged in extensive trading of stocks and other financial assets while the Fed took extraordinary actions to address the economic fallout of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.² In a letter I sent to you on September 15, 2021,³ I requested that you put in place ethics and financial conflict of interest rules at the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond at least as robust as those in my *Anti-Corruption and Public Integrity Act.*⁴ To date, I have sent three public letters to Chair Jerome Powell requesting that the Fed disclose all trades by Fed governors and presidents in the period between January 1, 2020 and the present, and release critical communications between Fed ethics staff and Fed officials.⁵

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But even as evidence of a deep-rooted ethics failure at the Fed has mounted, Chair Powell has refused to disclose the requested information.

While Chair Powell has stated a commitment to addressing this trading scandal "forthrightly and transparently,"⁶ a June 2022 report from the *New York Times* suggests that the Fed has failed to collect the trading information that a thorough, faithfully executed review requires.⁷

According to this report, the Fed "did not disclose updated financial information for two former regional bank presidents whose trading ignited a scandal at the central bank, even though they held important monetary policy roles for most of 2021."⁸ Though Eric Rosengren and Robert S. Kaplan – both of whom resigned as the Fed's trading scandal came to light – "sat in their policy roles for most of last year, when the Fed was debating market-critical topics like how to handle the onset of rapid inflation and when to pull back economic support, neither of their reserve banks published fresh disclosures to cover the end of their tenures."⁹ A representative for the Boston Fed claimed that the rules in place did not require Mr. Rosengren to file updated financial disclosures upon his departure.¹⁰ The Dallas Fed made a similar claim.¹¹

The Fed's failure to require financial disclosures for Mr. Kaplan and Mr. Rosengren is one of a string of actions¹² that have severely compounded concerns about the Fed's lack of transparency and commitment to addressing the Fed's broken ethics culture. The Fed's Office of the Inspector General (OIG) recently released some of the conclusions of its investigation into this matter¹³ - which did nothing to mitigate concerns about the culture of corruption at the Fed.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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August 11, 2022

Ms. Mary C. Daly President Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco 101 Market Street San Francisco, CA 94105

Dear President Daly,

In the aftermath of yet another report documenting the Federal Reserve's (Fed's) failure to provide information on the full scope of the nearly year-long ethics scandal involving financial trading by key Fed officials,¹ I write to request that the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco disclose all stock, bond, and other investment trades by senior officials from January 1, 2020 to the present.

In September 2021, news reports revealed that the presidents of the Boston and Dallas Federal Reserve Banks and other senior Fed policymakers engaged in extensive trading of stocks and other financial assets while the Fed took extraordinary actions to address the economic fallout of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.² In a letter I sent to you on September 15, 2021,³ I requested that you put in place ethics and financial conflict of interest rules at the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco at least as robust as those in my *Anti-Corruption and Public Integrity Act*.⁴ To date, I have sent three public letters to Chair Jerome Powell requesting that the Fed disclose all trades by Fed governors and presidents in the period between January 1, 2020 and the present, and release critical communications between Fed ethics staff and Fed officials.⁵ But even as evidence of a deep-rooted ethics failure at the Fed has mounted, Chair Powell has refused to disclose the requested information.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Mr. James Bullard President Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis One Federal Reserve Bank Plaza Broadway and Locust Streets St. Louis, MO 63102

Dear President Bullard,

In the aftermath of yet another report documenting the Federal Reserve's (Fed's) failure to provide information on the full scope of the nearly year-long ethics scandal involving financial trading by key Fed officials,¹ I write to request that the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis disclose all stock, bond, and other investment trades by senior officials from January 1, 2020 to the present.

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