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LAURA SWANSON, STAFF DIRECTOR BRAD GRANTZ, REPUBLICAN STAFF DIRECTOR



September 15, 2021

Dr. Raphael W. Bostic President and CEO Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta 1000 Peachtree Street NE Atlanta, GA 30309

Dear Dr. Bostic:

I am writing to share my concern regarding troubling reports that last year, as the Fed took extraordinary actions to address the risks to the economy and the banking and financial systems from the COVID-19 pandemic, two regional Federal Reserve Bank Presidents made extensive trades in individual stocks and real estate investment trusts.

According to these reports, Robert Kaplan, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, "made multiple million-dollar-plus stock trades in 2020....[involving] some combination of sales or purchases of over \$1 million in 22 individual company shares or investment funds. These transactions included Apple, Alibaba Group Holding Ltd., Amazon, General Electric Co., and Chevron Corp." Eric Rosengren, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, "listed stakes in four separate real estate investment trusts and disclosed multiple purchases and sales in those and other securities."

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I am therefore asking that, within 60 days, you impose a ban on the ownership and trading of individual stocks by senior officials at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. I am also asking that you impose strong and enforceable ethics and financial conflicts of interest rules for yourself and those that work for you at the Atlanta Fed. These rules should be at least as robust and comprehensive as those in the *Anti-Corruption and Public Integrity Act*. I also ask that, no later than October 15, 2021, you send me a written plan for putting these rules in place. Doing so will send a clear and necessary message to the American people about the importance of government ethics and the integrity of Fed officials.

Sincerely,

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LAURA SWANSON, STAFF DIRECTOR BRAD GRANTZ, REPUBLICAN STAFF DIRECTOR



September 15, 2021

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

Dear Dr. Rosengren:

I am writing to share my concern regarding troubling reports that last year, as the Fed took extraordinary actions to address the risks to the economy and the banking and financial systems from the COVID-19 pandemic, you and your colleague Robert Kaplan made extensive trades in individual stocks and real estate investment trusts.

According to these reports, you "listed stakes in four separate real estate investment trusts and disclosed multiple purchases and sales in those and other securities." Your colleague Robert Kaplan, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, "made multiple million-dollar-plus stock trades in 2020....[involving] some combination of sales or purchases of over \$1 million in 22 individual company shares or investment funds. These transactions included Apple, Alibaba Group Holding Ltd., Amazon, General Electric Co., and Chevron Corp."

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I am therefore asking that, within 60 days, you impose a ban on the ownership and trading of individual stocks by senior officials at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. I am also asking that you impose strong and enforceable ethics and financial conflicts of interest rules for yourself and those that work for you at the Boston Fed. These rules should be at least as robust and comprehensive as those in the *Anti-Corruption and Public Integrity Act*. I also ask that, no later than October 15, 2021, you send me a written plan for putting these rules in place. Doing so will send a clear and necessary message to the American people about the importance of government ethics and the integrity of Fed officials.

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September 15, 2021

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

Dear Dr. Evans:

I am writing to share my concern regarding troubling reports that last year, as the Fed took extraordinary actions to address the risks to the economy and the banking and financial systems from the COVID-19 pandemic, two regional Federal Reserve Bank Presidents made extensive trades in individual stocks and real estate investment trusts.

According to these reports, Robert Kaplan, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, "made multiple million-dollar-plus stock trades in 2020....[involving] some combination of sales or purchases of over \$1 million in 22 individual company shares or investment funds. These transactions included Apple, Alibaba Group Holding Ltd., Amazon, General Electric Co., and Chevron Corp." Eric Rosengren, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, "listed stakes in four separate real estate investment trusts and disclosed multiple purchases and sales in those and other securities."

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I am therefore asking that, within 60 days, you impose a ban on the ownership and trading of individual stocks by senior officials at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. I am also asking that you impose strong and enforceable ethics and financial conflicts of interest rules for yourself and those that work for you at the Chicago Fed. These rules should be at least as robust and comprehensive as those in the *Anti-Corruption and Public Integrity Act*. I also ask that, no later than October 15, 2021, you send me a written plan for putting these rules in place. Doing so will send a clear and necessary message to the American people about the importance of government ethics and the integrity of Fed officials.

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September 15, 2021

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

Dear Dr. Mester:

I am writing to share my concern regarding troubling reports that last year, as the Fed took extraordinary actions to address the risks to the economy and the banking and financial systems from the COVID-19 pandemic, two regional Federal Reserve Bank Presidents made extensive trades in individual stocks and real estate investment trusts.

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I am therefore asking that, within 60 days, you impose a ban on the ownership and trading of individual stocks by senior officials at the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland. I am also asking that you impose strong and enforceable ethics and financial conflicts of interest rules for yourself and those that work for you at the Cleveland Fed. These rules should be at least as robust and comprehensive as those in the *Anti-Corruption and Public Integrity Act*. I also ask that, no later than October 15, 2021, you send me a written plan for putting these rules in place. Doing so will send a clear and necessary message to the American people about the importance of government ethics and the integrity of Fed officials.

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September 15, 2021

Robert S. Kaplan President and CEO Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas 2200 N. Pearl Street Dallas, TX 75201

Dear Mr. Kaplan:

I am writing to share my concern regarding troubling reports that last year, as the Fed took extraordinary actions to address the risks to the economy and the banking and financial systems from the COVID-19 pandemic, you and your colleague Eric Rosengren made extensive trades in individual stocks and real estate investment trusts.

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I am therefore asking that, within 60 days, you impose a ban on the ownership and trading of individual stocks by senior officials at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. I am also asking that you impose strong and enforceable ethics and financial conflicts of interest rules for yourself and those that work for you at the Dallas Fed. These rules should be at least as robust and comprehensive as those in the *Anti-Corruption and Public Integrity Act*. I also ask that, no later than October 15, 2021, you send me a written plan for putting these rules in place. Doing so will send a clear and necessary message to the American people about the importance of government ethics and the integrity of Fed officials.

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LAURA SWANSON, STAFF DIRECTOR BRAD GRANTZ, REPUBLICAN STAFF DIRECTOR



September 15, 2021

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

Dear Ms. George:

I am writing to share my concern regarding troubling reports that last year, as the Fed took extraordinary actions to address the risks to the economy and the banking and financial systems from the COVID-19 pandemic, two regional Federal Reserve Bank Presidents made extensive trades in individual stocks and real estate investment trusts.

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I am therefore asking that, within 60 days, you impose a ban on the ownership and trading of individual stocks by senior officials at the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. I am also asking that you impose strong and enforceable ethics and financial conflicts of interest rules for yourself and those that work for you at the Kansas City Fed. These rules should be at least as robust and comprehensive as those in the *Anti-Corruption and Public Integrity Act*. I also ask that, no later than October 15, 2021, you send me a written plan for putting these rules in place. Doing so will send a clear and necessary message to the American people about the importance of government ethics and the integrity of Fed officials.

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September 15, 2021

Neel Kashkari President and CEO Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis 90 Hennepin Avenue Minneapolis, MN 55401

Dear Mr. Kashkari:

I am writing to share my concern regarding troubling reports that last year, as the Fed took extraordinary actions to address the risks to the economy and the banking and financial systems from the COVID-19 pandemic, two regional Federal Reserve Bank Presidents made extensive trades in individual stocks and real estate investment trusts.

According to these reports, Robert Kaplan, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, "made multiple million-dollar-plus stock trades in 2020....[involving] some combination of sales or purchases of over \$1 million in 22 individual company shares or investment funds. These transactions included Apple, Alibaba Group Holding Ltd., Amazon, General Electric Co., and Chevron Corp." Eric Rosengren, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, "listed stakes in four separate real estate investment trusts and disclosed multiple purchases and sales in those and other securities."

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I introduced sweeping ethics legislation, the *Anti-Corruption and Public Integrity Act*,⁵ which would ban individual stock ownership by Members of Congress, Cabinet Secretaries, senior congressional staff, federal judges, White House staff, and other senior agency officials while in office. It would prohibit all government officials from holding or trading stock where its value might be influenced by their agency, department, or actions. And it would require senior government officials and White House staff to divest from privately owned assets that could present conflicts, including large companies and commercial real estate. This far-reaching legislation would also tighten conflict of interest and recusal requirements and shut the revolving door between industry and government.

The controversy over asset trading by high-level Fed personnel highlights why it is necessary to ban ownership and trading of individual stocks by senior officials who are supposed to serve the public interest. Fortunately, you can act on your own to minimize the potential for and appearance of financial conflicts of interest at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.

I am therefore asking that, within 60 days, you impose a ban on the ownership and trading of individual stocks by senior officials at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis. I am also asking that you impose strong and enforceable ethics and financial conflicts of interest rules for yourself and those that work for you at the Minneapolis Fed. These rules should be at least as robust and comprehensive as those in the *Anti-Corruption and Public Integrity Act*. I also ask that, no later than October 15, 2021, you send me a written plan for putting these rules in place. Doing so will send a clear and necessary message to the American people about the importance of government ethics and the integrity of Fed officials.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Warren

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LAURA SWANSON, STAFF DIRECTOR BRAD GRANTZ, REPUBLICAN STAFF DIRECTOR



September 15, 2021

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

Dear Dr. Williams:

I am writing to share my concern regarding troubling reports that last year, as the Fed took extraordinary actions to address the risks to the economy and the banking and financial systems from the COVID-19 pandemic, two regional Federal Reserve Bank Presidents made extensive trades in individual stocks and real estate investment trusts.

According to these reports, Robert Kaplan, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, "made multiple million-dollar-plus stock trades in 2020....[involving] some combination of sales or purchases of over \$1 million in 22 individual company shares or investment funds. These transactions included Apple, Alibaba Group Holding Ltd., Amazon, General Electric Co., and Chevron Corp." Eric Rosengren, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, "listed stakes in four separate real estate investment trusts and disclosed multiple purchases and sales in those and other securities."

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The controversy over asset trading by high-level Fed personnel highlights why it is necessary to ban ownership and trading of individual stocks by senior officials who are supposed to serve the public interest. Fortunately, you can act on your own to minimize the potential for and appearance of financial conflicts of interest at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

I am therefore asking that, within 60 days, you impose a ban on the ownership and trading of individual stocks by senior officials at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. I am also asking that you impose strong and enforceable ethics and financial conflicts of interest rules for yourself and those that work for you at the New York Fed. These rules should be at least as robust and comprehensive as those in the *Anti-Corruption and Public Integrity Act*. I also ask that, no later than October 15, 2021, you send me a written plan for putting these rules in place. Doing so will send a clear and necessary message to the American people about the importance of government ethics and the integrity of Fed officials.

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LAURA SWANSON, STAFF DIRECTOR BRAD GRANTZ, REPUBLICAN STAFF DIRECTOR



September 15, 2021

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

Dear Dr. Harker:

I am writing to share my concern regarding troubling reports that last year, as the Fed took extraordinary actions to address the risks to the economy and the banking and financial systems from the COVID-19 pandemic, two regional Federal Reserve Bank Presidents made extensive trades in individual stocks and real estate investment trusts.

According to these reports, Robert Kaplan, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, "made multiple million-dollar-plus stock trades in 2020....[involving] some combination of sales or purchases of over \$1 million in 22 individual company shares or investment funds. These transactions included Apple, Alibaba Group Holding Ltd., Amazon, General Electric Co., and Chevron Corp." Eric Rosengren, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, "listed stakes in four separate real estate investment trusts and disclosed multiple purchases and sales in those and other securities."

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The controversy over asset trading by high-level Fed personnel highlights why it is necessary to ban ownership and trading of individual stocks by senior officials who are supposed to serve the public interest. Fortunately, you can act on your own to minimize the potential for and appearance of financial conflicts of interest at the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia.

I am therefore asking that, within 60 days, you impose a ban on the ownership and trading of individual stocks by senior officials at the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia. I am also asking that you impose strong and enforceable ethics and financial conflicts of interest rules for yourself and those that work for you at the Philadelphia Fed. These rules should be at least as robust and comprehensive as those in the *Anti-Corruption and Public Integrity Act*. I also ask that, no later than October 15, 2021, you send me a written plan for putting these rules in place. Doing so will send a clear and necessary message to the American people about the importance of government ethics and the integrity of Fed officials.

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September 15, 2021

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

Dear Mr. Barkin:

I am writing to share my concern regarding troubling reports that last year, as the Fed took extraordinary actions to address the risks to the economy and the banking and financial systems from the COVID-19 pandemic, two regional Federal Reserve Bank Presidents made extensive trades in individual stocks and real estate investment trusts.

According to these reports, Robert Kaplan, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, "made multiple million-dollar-plus stock trades in 2020....[involving] some combination of sales or purchases of over \$1 million in 22 individual company shares or investment funds. These transactions included Apple, Alibaba Group Holding Ltd., Amazon, General Electric Co., and Chevron Corp." Eric Rosengren, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, "listed stakes in four separate real estate investment trusts and disclosed multiple purchases and sales in those and other securities."

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The controversy over asset trading by high-level Fed personnel highlights why it is necessary to ban ownership and trading of individual stocks by senior officials who are supposed to serve the public interest. Fortunately, you can act on your own to minimize the potential for and appearance of financial conflicts of interest at the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond.

I am therefore asking that, within 60 days, you impose a ban on the ownership and trading of individual stocks by senior officials at the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. I am also asking that you impose strong and enforceable ethics and financial conflicts of interest rules for yourself and those that work for you at the Richmond Fed. These rules should be at least as robust and comprehensive as those in the *Anti-Corruption and Public Integrity Act*. I also ask that, no later than October 15, 2021, you send me a written plan for putting these rules in place. Doing so will send a clear and necessary message to the American people about the importance of government ethics and the integrity of Fed officials.

Sincerely,

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September 15, 2021

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

Dear Dr. Daly:

I am writing to share my concern regarding troubling reports that last year, as the Fed took extraordinary actions to address the risks to the economy and the banking and financial systems from the COVID-19 pandemic, two regional Federal Reserve Bank Presidents made extensive trades in individual stocks and real estate investment trusts.

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I am therefore asking that, within 60 days, you impose a ban on the ownership and trading of individual stocks by senior officials at the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. I am also asking that you impose strong and enforceable ethics and financial conflicts of interest rules for yourself and those that work for you at the San Francisco Fed. These rules should be at least as robust and comprehensive as those in the *Anti-Corruption and Public Integrity Act*. I also ask that, no later than October 15, 2021, you send me a written plan for putting these rules in place. Doing so will send a clear and necessary message to the American people about the importance of government ethics and the integrity of Fed officials.

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September 15, 2021

Dr. James Bullard President and CEO Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis Broadway and Locust Streets St. Louis, MO 63102

Dear Dr. Bullard:

I am writing to share my concern regarding troubling reports that last year, as the Fed took extraordinary actions to address the risks to the economy and the banking and financial systems from the COVID-19 pandemic, two regional Federal Reserve Bank Presidents made extensive trades in individual stocks and real estate investment trusts.

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I am therefore asking that, within 60 days, you impose a ban on the ownership and trading of individual stocks by senior officials at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. I am also asking that you impose strong and enforceable ethics and financial conflicts of interest rules for yourself and those that work for you at the St. Louis Fed. These rules should be at least as robust and comprehensive as those in the *Anti-Corruption and Public Integrity Act*. I also ask that, no later than October 15, 2021, you send me a written plan for putting these rules in place. Doing so will send a clear and necessary message to the American people about the importance of government ethics and the integrity of Fed officials.

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