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**VIA EMAIL**

The Honorable Elizabeth Warren  
The Honorable Tammy Duckworth  
The Honorable Richard Blumenthal  
The Honorable Dave Min  
The Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton  
The Honorable Mark Takano  
The Honorable Henry C. Johnson, Jr.  
The Honorable Bonnie Watson Coleman  
The Honorable André Carson  
The Honorable Dan Goldman  
The Honorable Yassamin Ansari

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United States Senate  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20510

*Re: December 3, 2025 Letter to Microsoft*

Dear Senator Warren, Senator Duckworth, Senator Blumenthal, Congressman Min, Congresswoman Holmes Norton, Congressman Takano, Congressman Johnson, Congresswoman Watson Coleman, Congressman Carson, Congressman Goldman, and Congresswoman Ansari:

I am writing in response to your letter dated December 3, 2025 concerning the construction of a new White House ballroom. Microsoft appreciates the opportunity to address your questions regarding Microsoft's donation to the Trust for the National Mall to support this project.

As an initial matter, Microsoft is committed to maintaining a strong culture of compliance. The company adheres to all applicable laws and regulations regarding its government affairs activities, including filing appropriate disclosures, which are available to the public. Consistent with the foregoing, Microsoft's donation was offered without any intent to influence or affect any issue, proceeding or business Microsoft has before the federal government.

As you are likely aware, on July 31, 2025, the White House announced plans to construct a new ballroom supported by private donations. Approximately two months later, Microsoft was

contacted by a fundraiser for the effort regarding a possible donation. At that time, Microsoft was provided information concerning the Trust for the National Mall's management of contributions for this project as a partner of the National Park Service, instructions on how to donate, and an invitation to attend a dinner held for supporters of the project, which Microsoft attended.

In September 2025, Microsoft confirmed that it would donate to the Trust for the National Mall. Microsoft understands that these funds (along with contributions from other donors) will be used to support the construction of the ballroom. As Microsoft has publicly stated, Microsoft supported this effort to update a home built more than 200 years ago so that it can meet the needs of the 21st century. The benefits of this project will redound not only to this presidency, but presidencies to come, as they welcome guests to the White House on behalf of the American people. Microsoft is proud to have supported this effort.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



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cc: The Honorable Tammy Duckworth  
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