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The Honorable Andrew Ferguson  
Chairman  
Federal Trade Commission  
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20580

Dear Chairman Ferguson:

We write about the potential misuse of the political fundraising organization WinRed, Inc. for fraud and other illegal purposes. In accord with its mission to protect the public from deceptive or unfair business practices, it is imperative that the Federal Trade Commission (“FTC”) ensure that businesses engaged in fundraising for political committees or other advocacy organizations—pivotal actors in our democratic system—are not exploiting or misleading American voters for financial gain. If the American people cannot trust their political system, it is failing them.

Public reporting has raised serious questions about episodes of fraud, financial exploitation, or other illegality or abuse of American consumers on WinRed.<sup>1</sup> Indeed, WinRed’s extremely aggressive practices have “victimized hundreds of elderly Americans and misled those battling dementia or other cognitive impairments into giving away millions of dollars—far more than they ever intended.”<sup>2</sup> These victims of WinRed’s predatory practices reportedly included “retired public workers, house cleaners and veterans, widows living alone, nursing home residents and people who donated more money than they paid for their homes.”<sup>3</sup> And between January 2022 and June 2024, the FTC reportedly received 803 complaints related to WinRed’s practices.<sup>4</sup> Yet, WinRed continues to potentially exploit American citizens who seek only to participate in our democracy.

Congress seeks to determine whether legislation is necessary to prevent violations of federal campaign finance and consumer protection laws in connection with fundraising by political candidates and to guard against deceptive and predatory campaign fundraising practices, illicit foreign influence over federal officials, and other financial misconduct connected to prospective or current federal officials.

Accordingly, in our roles as Ranking Member of the Committee on House Administration, Ranking Member of the Committee on the Judiciary, and Ranking Member of the Committee on Oversight

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<sup>1</sup> See Blake Ellis et al., *How Elderly Dementia Patients Are Unwittingly Fueling Political Campaigns*, CNN (Oct. 22, 2024), [www.cnn.com/interactive/2024/10/politics/political-fundraising-elderly-election-invs-dg/](https://www.cnn.com/interactive/2024/10/politics/political-fundraising-elderly-election-invs-dg/).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

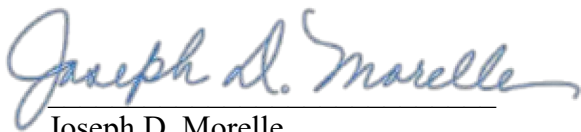
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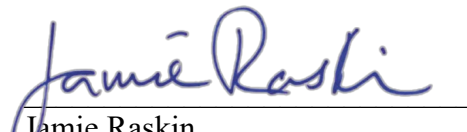
and Government Reform, we respectfully request that you provide any documents related to any investigations of WinRed from June 1, 2019, until present, as well as any findings made or penalties imposed by the FTC related to WinRed. We request a response to this letter by July 3, 2025.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact House Administration Committee staff at (202) 225-2061, Judiciary Committee staff at (202) 225-3951, or Oversight and Government Reform Committee staff at (202) 225-5051.

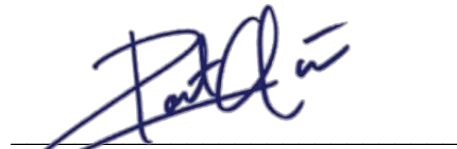
Sincerely,



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