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Congressional Leadership Fund
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Re: Congressional Leadership Fund's Possession and Use of My Unredacted Questionnaire for National Security Positions (SF86 Form).

Dear Mr. Bliss:

I write as a former civil servant and as an American, in shock and in anger, that you have tried to exploit my service to our country by exposing my most personal information in the name of politics.

In order to serve my country as a federal agent and CIA case officer, I submitted highly personal information, including my Social Security number and medical history, to the government in my Questionnaire for National Security Positions, a Standard Form 86 (an "SF86"). The SF86 is the most comprehensive background check questionnaire that the government requires anyone seeking a security clearance to complete. In submitting two SF86 documents during my career, I took a leap of faith and trusted the government with my private information so that the government could trust me to serve my country.

It has come to my attention that the Congressional Leadership Fund ("CLF") has somehow obtained a full, unredacted copy of at least one of my SF86 documents, and has disseminated this document for political purposes. In fact, I have clear evidence that CLF has provided this to at least one news outlet. I am not aware of any legal way that CLF could have this document. I am proud of my background and my service, and not ashamed of the information I submitted. I have nothing to hide in my background. But, as any American in a similar situation would be, I am concerned about my privacy and security, especially the privacy of my Social Security number.

When I decided to run for Congress, I took stringent security measures for my campaign because, as a former CIA operative, I assumed that I would be the target of attacks. But I expected those attacks to come from foreign adversaries, not domestic political groups associated with Members of Congress, like CLF. I never thought that the organizations trafficking in potentially illegally obtained documents would be my fellow countrymen, desperate to win an election.

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It is now clear to me that your organization will stop at nothing to try and protect a seat in Congress. But, by using a government document that was presumably illegally obtained—perhaps taken in a foreign state-sponsored adversary's attack on our government's national security¹—in an attempt to score political points, you have undermined the security of our country that I have worked to protect. I am also concerned that you may have inappropriately obtained and are using confidential private information of other Democrats as well. It is not only shameful, but also dangerous. By putting party before country, your reprehensible actions have compromised my safety by undermining the trust I put in our government when I provided it my most personal information so it would trust me to keep our country safe.

You are on notice that I will not tolerate any attempts by you to use my personal identifying information, including my Social Security number, for political gain. I demand that CLF immediately destroy and cease use of my SF86 and any information contained therein. Within the next twenty-four hours, I demand that CLF:

- Destroy every copy, both in print and electronic form, of my unredacted SF86 in its possession and in the possession of any of its employees and agents.
- Agree not to use or share my unredacted SF86 with any other person or entity.
- Agree not to use or share any information obtained from my unredacted SF86 with any person or entity for any purpose.

If neither you nor your legal counsel confirm your compliance to my counsel by Wednesday, August 29 at 5:00pm ET, I will be forced to consider all legal remedies. Please direct all communications on this matter to my attorney, Graham M. Wilson, at Perkins Coie LLP at (202) 434-1638 or gwilson@perkinscoie.com.



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Cc: Graham M. Wilson, Perkins Coie LLP

¹ Ellen Nakashima, Hacks of OPM databases compromised 22.1 million people, federal authorities say, WASH. POST (July 9, 2015), https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/federal-eye/wp/2015/07/09/hack-of-security-clearance-system-affected-21-5-million-people-federal-authorities-say/?utm_term=.7a5b4a004787.