



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

March 18, 2025

The Honorable Kash Patel
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
935 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20535

Dear Director Patel,

Thank you for your determination to restore trust in the FBI and your commitment to being “adamant about restoring faith and trust in the FBI through full transparency and engaging with Congress [being] a critical part of that effort.”¹ After years of very damaging politicization at the FBI that dramatically worsened under the Biden Administration, Congress and the American people are eager for the Bureau to refocus on its core mission. As a senior Member of the House Judiciary Committee and the Vice Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, I am writing to revisit my concerns that I brought to the Bureau’s attention regarding fundraising platform ActBlue, its advocacy fundraising arm ActBlue Charities, and troubling reports of a juxtaposition with terror financing.

On September 21, 2023, I sent a letter to former Director Christopher Wray regarding extensive reporting by investigative journalist Gabe Kaminsky² that “ActBlue’s charity platform has facilitated payments since at least 2021 for the Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel, a founding member of the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions National Committee that is affiliated with entities designated by the United States as terrorist groups.”^{3,4}

¹ Brook Singman, “FBI Director Patel working 'aggressively' to comply with congressional record requests ahead of deadlines,” *Fox News*, <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/fbi-director-patel-working-aggressively-comply-congressional-record-requests-ahead-deadlines> (accessed March 14, 2025).

² Gabe Kaminsky, “Democratic behemoth ActBlue boots anti-Israel group accused of terror ties off platform”, September 7, 2023, *Washington Examiner*, <https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/democratic-behemoth-actblue-boots-anti-israel-group> (accessed September 19, 2023).

³ Ibid.

⁴ “Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel,” BDS Movement website <https://bdsmovement.net/pacbi> (Accessed September 19, 2023).

Since my letter of 18 months ago, ActBlue Charities has also been exposed as providing services to the Alliance for Global Justice,⁵ which is tied to U.S.-designated terrorist organization the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, as well as the US Campaign for Palestinian Rights.⁶

Despite this public reporting and the reasonable suspicion that our nation's laws had been violated, in its April 3, 2024 letter to me, the Bureau dodged my questions, many of which referred to potentially closed investigations. I believe that if the Bureau ever conducted an investigation, it was not allowed to come to fruition under the Biden-Harris Administration.

This is especially troubling due to the fact that established and continued collaboration between ActBlue Charities and terror-tied entities amounts to the enabling of terrorism and may also constitute money-laundering crimes. In addition, the flagrant inability of supposedly mainstream progressive groups to distance themselves from explicitly pro-Hamas interests, raises critical questions whether the activities and coalition building of ActBlue and ActBlue Charities are in reality part of a wider commitment to financing and facilitating attacks on Israel and Jewish people in America and around the globe. This is made all the more disturbing by widespread lawbreaking by pro-Hamas individuals and entities since October 7.

With this in mind, I believe the American people would be well served if the Bureau – under your very welcome leadership – revisits my concerns.

I invite you to brief myself and interested Members during the House session period beginning on March 24 – consistent with the Bureau's practices of protecting ongoing investigations.

Again, thank you for your commitment to transparent leadership and for your determination to restore trust in federal law enforcement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Darrell Issa', with a stylized, flowing script.

Darrell Issa
Member of Congress

⁵ Gabe Kaminsky, “Democratic software ActBlue allows Palestinian terrorism-tied group to fundraise,” June 27, 2024, <https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/investigations/3061100/actblue-allows-palestinian-terrorism-tied-group-fundraise/> (accessed March 10, 2023).

⁶ Nick Ballas, <https://x.com/nicholasballas/status/1899092021169561605?s=12>