

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

May 8, 2026

The Honorable Todd Blanche  
Acting Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Acting Attorney General Blanche,

I write to request that the Department of Justice promptly open an investigation into credible reports of foreign government efforts, particularly by former Prime Minister Viktor Orbán of Hungary, to influence election results across the United States. These allegations, raised by Prime Minister-elect Péter Magyar of Hungary, pose serious national security and campaign finance concerns and constitute a troubling attempt by Hungary's government to exert influence in our electoral process.

On April 14th, 2026, Hungary's newly elected prime minister, Péter Magyar, announced that the outgoing Hungarian government had directed government funds to the US-based Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC).<sup>1</sup> Subsequently, Hungary's current leadership has publicly acknowledged that public funds had been directed to CPAC.<sup>2</sup> The use of foreign state funds to support organizations deeply embedded in U.S. electoral politics presents a clear risk of unlawful foreign influence.

These concerns are further compounded by the documented association between Orbán's government and many CPAC-supported officials in the United States. In recent years, CPAC has hosted events in Hungary featuring American elected officials and political operatives, creating a platform that encouraged coordination with foreign political parties, messaging alignment, and mutual political reinforcement.<sup>3</sup> Reporting further indicates that senior officials associated with the Trump Administration traveled to Hungary and engaged in activities widely perceived as supportive of Orbán's political standing during his reelection efforts.<sup>4</sup> This included a recent trip made by Vice President JD Vance to Budapest, during an ongoing war in Iran, to stump for Orbán's re-election shortly before the election.<sup>5</sup> While international engagement is not inherently improper, the convergence of financial support, political coordination, and reciprocal advocacy on behalf of foreign elected officials raises serious questions about whether these activities crossed legal or ethical lines.

CPAC's role in American elections is substantial. As one of the largest political convenings in the country, it serves as a central forum for conservative candidates, donors, and advocacy groups, helping mobilize voters and influence election outcomes. Its reach extends well beyond a single event, functioning as a year-round organizing force within the conservative political ecosystem. The reported expansion of CPAC operations into Europe—coupled with alleged financial backing from a foreign government—creates a concerning

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<sup>1</sup> [CNN, 2026](#)

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<sup>3</sup> [CBS, 2025](#)

<sup>4</sup> [PBS, 2026](#)

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pathway through which other foreign actors could shape U.S. political elections, including during the upcoming 2026 midterm elections.<sup>6</sup>


Federal law is unambiguous on this point: foreign governments and foreign nationals are prohibited from directly or indirectly contributing money or anything of value in connection with U.S. elections. The Federal Election Campaign Act (52 U.S.C. § 30121) explicitly bars not only direct contributions, but also indirect support routed through intermediaries.<sup>7</sup> If foreign government funds were used to support an organization that materially influences U.S. elections, that arrangement could constitute an unlawful in-kind contribution or an attempt to circumvent longstanding prohibitions on foreign involvement in American democracy. Accordingly, I respectfully request that the Department of Justice act on the following by May 22nd, 2026:

1. Investigate whether Hungarian government funds were used—directly or indirectly—to support U.S.-based political organizations, including CPAC;
2. Determine whether any U.S. persons or entities knowingly facilitated or benefited from such funding in violation of federal law;
3. Assess whether coordination between foreign officials and U.S. political actors constituted an effort to influence U.S. elections; and
4. Provide recommendations to Congress on any legislative or regulatory gaps that may have enabled such activity.

The United States Department of Justice has a compelling interest in ensuring that its elections remain free from foreign interference, whether overt or covert. Allegations of this nature demand a thorough, fact-based investigation and, where appropriate, accountability.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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Raja Krishnamoorthi  
Member of Congress

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<sup>6</sup> [CBS, 2025](#)

<sup>7</sup> [US Code, 2024](#)