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The Honorable Bill Cassidy
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Cassidy:

We write on behalf of the nonpartisan Not Above the Law coalition, which represents more than 150 organizations and tens of millions of Americans committed to the rule of law, to urge you to reject Todd Blanche's nomination as Attorney General.

Your vote will now decide this nomination. On Wednesday, you and Senator Murkowski [met with Blanche](#) in a bid to resolve your concerns before the floor vote. Senator Murkowski's announcement this morning makes clear it did not work.

This morning, Senator Murkowski [announced](#) she will vote against Blanche's confirmation. She said she lacks confidence he will "[check the worst impulses of this administration](#)" and warned that the nearly \$2 billion fund for people claiming to be victims of "weaponization" is only sidelined while his nomination is pending. Once the Senate votes, she said, "there is no telling what the future holds." Senator Collins has already said she will vote [no](#). Blanche met with both senators and failed to convince either one.

You have raised the same concerns yourself, and Blanche's own record answers them:

You've said you need assurance Blanche is no longer Trump's lawyer. He's told you otherwise, more than once. When asked in writing whether he stood by his own statement on Steve Bannon's *War Room* podcast that "there's this model out there that somehow the DOJ is independent from the President of the United States. That is not true," Blanche's written answer was one word: ["Yes."](#) At his confirmation hearing, when asked if he and Trump are friends, Blanche answered without hesitating, ["I'm his lawyer,"](#) before catching himself and correcting to "was."

You've warned about "lawfare." Blanche is now wielding it against a former colleague of yours. Todd Blanche's DOJ is pursuing a grand jury investigation against [Cassidy Hutchinson](#), the January 6th committee witness, exactly the kind of prosecution you yourself described as targeting people "not for a valid reason, but because somebody in high office is angry at them." You don't have to imagine what that looks like. It's already happening.

The slush fund isn't dead, regardless of what Blanche signed Sunday night. Blanche released [two documents \(one unsigned\) late Sunday](#) claiming to rescind the \$1.776 billion "Anti-Weaponization Fund" and narrow its tax immunity provisions for Trump and his family. Trump never signed either document, and the underlying settlement can only be modified with written agreement from every party

– including Trump himself. Within hours, a prominent Trump ally told reporters the purported rescission ["can be undone after Tuesday."](#) Trump hasn't disavowed it either. Hours before Blanche's order, he called it a ["reimbursement for the pain"](#) suffered by his allies.

Blanche has stonewalled Epstein survivors and blocked the files. Attorney General Pam Bondi [confirmed](#) that Blanche controlled the release of the Epstein files from day one. Over 2.5 million documents remain unreleased. When Senator Tillis forced a meeting with survivors, Blanche treated it as a formality: survivor Annie Farmer called him ["abrasive, condescending, and intentionally noncommittal."](#)

Blanche didn't just accept Trump's pardons for January 6th—he tried to erase the convictions from the record entirely. His DOJ moved to vacate the seditious conspiracy convictions of Oath Keepers and Proud Boys members who attacked the Capitol, attempting to wipe out the judicial findings as if they never happened. The judges who dismissed these cases made clear they weren't on board. Judge Timothy Kelly, a first-term Trump appointee, [wrote](#) that his order "should not be mistaken as an endorsement of the Department of Justice's decision to abandon the case." Judge Amit Mehta [dismissed](#) the Oath Keepers case the same way – reluctantly, with no real choice once Blanche's DOJ walked away.

Senator, you have already named exactly what's wrong with this nomination. You said it yourself: you need to be sure Blanche is "the attorney general who used to be the president's personal attorney, not the [personal attorney who's also the attorney general.](#)" His record answers that question. He has proven, over and over, that he can't make that distinction.

The American people deserve an Attorney General who represents their interests, not one who works solely for the president. Susan Collins and Lisa Murkowski have already reached that conclusion and plan to vote accordingly. We urge you to join them, defend the rule of law, and reject Todd Blanche's nomination.

Sincerely,

Not Above the Law Coalition

More than 150 organizations — grassroots organizers, think tanks, legal scholars, and national security experts — united in defense of the rule of law.

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