

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

October 27, 2026

President Donald Trump
The White House
West Wing
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20502

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing regarding the October 7, 2026 memorandum to establish a "committee of inquiry" to investigate allegations that Federal Reserve Governor Lisa Cook made false statements about her mortgages.¹ We condemn your decision to convene this so-called "committee of inquiry" to examine the allegations against Federal Reserve Governor Lisa Cook. We are concerned that this "committee of inquiry" is designed with a predetermined goal, given it is comprised solely of three participants whom you appointed to your administration, and whom have allegiances to you. This sham committee demonstrates your effort to fire Governor Cook at any cost, without legitimate cause. There is nothing impartial about that, and no one is fooled. We urge you to call off your effort to remove Federal Reserve Governor Lisa Cook.

The deeply American principle of due process is that no person may be a judge in their own cause, and that a fair hearing requires a neutral decision-maker. However, you have tried to fire Governor Cook over allegations she denies² and no court has found to be true, and you announced it on social media before she had any chance to respond. When the Supreme Court made clear that was not enough, your administration did not stop to ask what fairness requires.³ Rather, it went looking for a way to reach the same result with better optics. A closed-door hearing at the White House, a four-hour clock, and a panel of your appointees is not due process. It is a formality dressed up as one.

The Supreme Court demanded fairness, not a ceremonial performance. They asked that the evidence against Governor Cook be aired and that she have a genuine chance to answer it. A fair process requires a decision-maker with no stake in the outcome. People whose jobs depend on your confidence, meeting in a room you control and away from the public, does not meet that standard. It should trouble anyone, in either party, who believes Americans are entitled to a fair hearing before they are punished.

We urge you to rescind your October 7 memorandum and cancel the November 5 hearing. If you believe there is cause to remove Governor Cook, put the evidence before an independent arbitrator agreed to by both sides, in a proceeding open to the public and the press. If your case is as strong as you claim, it will withstand scrutiny from someone you do not control.

Sincerely,

¹ [Establishment of a Committee of Inquiry to Investigate Allegations of False Statements by Lisa DeNell Cook – The White House](#)

² [Trump foes find themselves targeted by top housing regulator | AP News](#)

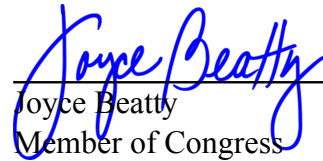
³ https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/25pdf/25a312_5468.pdf



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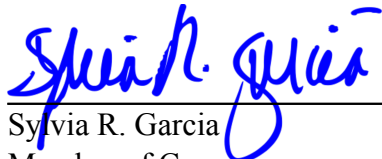
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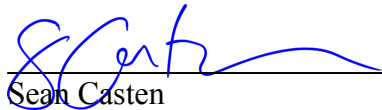
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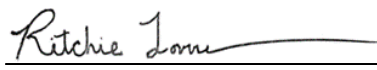
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