

# United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON  
HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS  
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## VIA EMAIL

Robert D. Moser Jr.  
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Dear Mr. Moser:

I write regarding troubling new reports concerning a no-bid contract awarded to Clark Construction Group, LLC to conduct restoration work and repair two water fountains at Lafayette Park, located across the street from the White House. These reports are even more alarming in light of Clark Construction's recent selection as the lead builder of President Trump's \$400 million White House ballroom, a role that involves a contract of undisclosed, yet presumably lucrative, value.<sup>1</sup> The federal government's ballooning payments to Clark Construction and the circumstances of its recent contract to renovate Lafayette Park raise troubling questions about whether excess taxpayer dollars are being diverted to Clark Construction, and whether its unilateral selection may constitute an undisclosed reward for its central role in President Trump's preferred vanity project.

In 2022, the National Park Service estimated that work to repair two ornamental fountains in Lafayette Park would cost approximately \$3.3 million.<sup>2</sup> Yet, earlier this year, the Trump Administration reportedly agreed to pay Clark Construction \$11.9 million to perform that same work, and made iterative increases in the scope of the project resulting in a total award of more than \$17 million.<sup>3</sup> The National Parks Service assigned the contract to Clark Construction without opening it to competitive bidding as required by federal procurement law, invoking an "urgency" exception intended to be used in the event of wars and natural disasters.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> David A. Fahrenthold, Luke Broadwater, and Andrea Fuller, *Firm Building Trump's Ballroom Got a Secret No-Bid Contract for a Nearby Job*, NEW YORK TIMES (Apr. 25, 2026)

<https://www.nytimes.com/2026/04/25/us/politics/lafayette-park-fountains-trump-contract.html>.

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*; Press Release, White House, The White House Announces White House Ballroom Construction to Begin (Jul. 31, 2025), <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/2025/07/the-white-house-announces-white-house-ballroom-construction-to-begin/>.

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Clark Construction's apparent receipt of a contract of excessively inflated value is troubling on its own. But these reports are even more alarming in light of Clark Construction's lack of transparency concerning its role in building the White House ballroom. On October 28, 2025, I wrote to Clark Construction requesting information regarding its selection as the builder of President Trump's ballroom.<sup>5</sup> Clark Construction's November 12, 2025 response was entirely inadequate, providing no details on how the firm was selected to build the ballroom nor the terms of its agreement with the Trump White House. Clark Construction's conduct and failure to respond adequately to my prior request raises questions as to whether it should remain "on a pre-approved list of contractors for projects on the White House grounds," a role that Clark Construction highlighted in its response to the Subcommittee.<sup>6</sup>

The American people deserve to know whether excess taxpayer dollars are being used—without the authorization of Congress—to reward the President's preferred partners. To assist the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations in its inquiry, please preserve all documents, records,<sup>7</sup> and communications<sup>8</sup> related to your firm's participation in the renovation of Lafayette Park, and please provide specific responses to the following questions by May 18, 2026:

1. Have you entered into any agreement, formal or informal, to receive work from the federal government at above market prices in exchange for a reduced fee for the construction of the Trump ballroom?
2. How did you become aware of the opportunity to participate in the renovation of Lafayette Park?
3. Did you participate in a competitive or otherwise open bidding process prior to being selected for the renovation in Lafayette Park? Please describe the nature of this process.
4. Did you submit any materials as a part of the bidding process or prior to being selected to participate in the renovation of Lafayette Park? Please provide all materials that you submitted.
5. What are the terms of the agreement(s) you entered into regarding the renovation of Lafayette Park? Please provide a copy of any and all agreements you have entered into

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<sup>5</sup> Letter from the Hon. Richard Blumenthal, Ranking Member, S. Permanent Subcomm. on Investigations to Robert D. Moser, CEO, Clark Construction (Oct. 8, 2025) [www.hsgac.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025-10-28-Letter-from-Blumenthal-to-Clark-Construction.pdf](http://www.hsgac.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025-10-28-Letter-from-Blumenthal-to-Clark-Construction.pdf).

<sup>6</sup> Letter from Grey Callaham, SVP, Legal, Clark Construction Group, LLC to Hon. Richard Blumenthal, Ranking Member, S. Permanent Subcomm. on Investigations (Nov. 12, 2025) (see attachment).

<sup>7</sup> For purposes of this request, "records" include any written, recorded, or graphic material of any kind, including letters, memoranda, reports, notes, electronic data (emails, email attachments, and any other electronically-created or stored information), direct messages, chats, calendar entries, inter-office communications, meeting minutes, phone/voice mail or recordings/records of verbal communications, and drafts (whether or not they resulted in final documents).

<sup>8</sup> For purposes of this request, "communications" include any records, as defined above, transmitted in any way between two or more individuals or entities.

with the National Park Service, the White House, or any other federal government entity as part of your work on the renovation of Lafayette Park.

6. Please produce all cost estimates for the renovation of Lafayette Park prepared to date. To the extent that cost projections change over time, please provide updates on a monthly basis through completion of the project.
7. When were the initial plans for the renovation of Lafayette Park submitted and approved?
8. Since 2010, have you and/or any of your subsidiaries or affiliates participated in the construction of any properties owned or licensed by The Trump Organization, Inc., or any of their affiliates or subsidiaries, or do you have plans to bid on or otherwise participate in the construction of any Trump-affiliated properties?
  - a. If so, please list each project and include your company's role, the date or estimated date of completion, and how much your company was or will be compensated in total for its participation.

Please contact the Subcommittee if you have any questions about responding to these requests.

Sincerely,



Richard Blumenthal  
Ranking Member  
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

cc: The Honorable Ron Johnson  
Chairman  
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations



November 12, 2025

**VIA EMAIL**

Hon. Richard Blumenthal  
Ranking Member  
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations  
U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
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Dear Ranking Member Blumenthal:

Thank you for your October 28, 2025 letter to Clark Construction Group, LLC (“Clark Construction”) regarding the construction project announced by the White House in July 2025. In responding to your letter, we appreciate the opportunity to detail Clark Construction’s decades of service to the federal government in building construction.

With roots in Washington, D.C. since 1906, Clark Construction is one of the largest American-owned building and infrastructure companies in the United States. From intricate interiors to complex industrial facilities to critical infrastructure, Clark has the capability and expertise to build almost any type of project. More than 5,000 employees of Clark Construction are working on over 200 project sites across the country, delivering assets and creating jobs that strengthen our communities.

Dating back to the construction of the Freer Gallery of Art for the Smithsonian in 1913, Clark Construction and its predecessors have had the honor and privilege of partnering with the federal government on major construction projects. Every presidential administration since President Lyndon B. Johnson has entrusted Clark Construction with the most complex, sensitive, and iconic construction projects in Washington, D.C. and across the Nation. Among many others, these projects include the Cannon House Office Building Renewal in Washington, D.C.; the National Geospatial Agency New Campus East at Fort Belvoir, Virginia; the Naval Hospital at Camp Pendleton in California; the LCDR Otis Vincent Tolbert Joint Intelligence Operations Center at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Florida; the Douglas A. Munro Coast Guard Headquarters Building in Washington, D.C.; the Maltz Special Warfare Aquatic Training Center at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland; United States courthouses in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Boston; the National Museum of African American History and Culture and the National Air and Space Museum Revitalization in Washington, D.C; and numerous projects at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. In the last decade alone, Clark Construction has worked on more than 230 projects on behalf of federal, state, and local government, including impactful projects such as the Kansas City International Airport in Missouri and the Long Beach Civic Center in California.

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Clark Construction has also been entrusted with numerous projects involving our Nation's memorials, including the Eisenhower Memorial; the Desert Shield and Desert Storm Memorial; the Jefferson Memorial Seawall Repair; the Memorial Amphitheater Renovation and Women in Military Service Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery; and the National Museum of the U.S. Army.

For decades, Clark Construction has been on a pre-approved list of contractors for projects on the White House grounds, reflecting our experience in navigating that site's unique requirements. Across presidential administrations, Clark Construction has successfully completed several projects at the White House, including those supporting the White House Military Office, the U.S. Secret Service, and the National Park Service.

Your letter poses questions regarding the construction project announced by the White House in July 2025. Clark Construction is providing construction services as part of a team that also includes architectural and engineering firms. Clark Construction's agreement for this project requires all information to be held in the strictest confidence and all inquiries must be referred to the White House. This provision has also been included in certain agreements for White House projects undertaken during prior presidential administrations. Thus, consistent with our obligations under the agreement, we respectfully refer you to the White House for any inquiries regarding the project.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Grey Callaham".

Grey Callaham  
Senior Vice President, Legal  
Clark Construction Group, LLC