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Todd Blanche
Acting Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
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Dear Attorney General Blanche:

I am writing to you to express my urgent concern surrounding the announcement of a newly formed “Anti-Weaponization Fund,” a plan to set up nearly \$1.8 billion in funds to compensate victims of alleged lawfare. A massive discretionary fund, with no oversight or approval from Congress, represents a dangerous backsliding in the transparency of our institutions and our commitment to the American taxpayer.

The announcement from the Department of Justice on May 18, 2026, stated that the U.S. Department of Treasury will direct a payment of \$1,776,000,000 to an account for the sole use by the Anti-Weaponization Fund.¹ I am requesting more information on where these funds are being diverted from and how they will be used by this Designated Account.

I am requesting answers to the following questions by June 1, 2026:

1. Where are the nearly \$2 billion in funds being diverted from to be used for this fund?
2. What is the exact legal purpose of the Anti-Weaponization Fund and will individuals convicted of federal crimes or associated with acts of violence be eligible to receive monetary payouts from the Fund?
3. Are there examples of previous administrations establishing discretionary compensation programs that are not authorized by Congress and do not have court approval or judicial oversight?

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. I look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

Brian Fitzpatrick
Member of Congress

¹ <https://www.justice.gov/opa/media/1441086/dl>