

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Brendan Carr  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
45 L Street NE  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Carr:

I am writing to demand an immediate investigation into ABC News for its publication of a false, inflammatory, and deliberately malicious report targeting the Trump family and a major employer that has invested nearly \$1 billion in high-paying jobs in the State of Ohio.

On October 7, 2026, ABC News published an article under the headline “Trump sons’ investments have won billions in Pentagon contracts since his election.”<sup>1</sup> The piece falsely claimed that companies linked to Donald Trump Jr. and Eric Trump, particularly through 1789 Capital, had secured more than \$6 billion in active or promised government contracts. ABC’s hit piece inflated Anduril Industries’ ties, asserting that 1789 Capital “claimed a major stake in Anduril in June 2025 from a \$2.5 billion investment.” That was a lie.

In fact, Anduril’s actual investment was approximately \$50 million, part of a much larger funding round in a company valued at more than \$60 billion. Donald Trump Jr. has no role in the firm’s investment decisions. What’s more, ABC News mischaracterized contracts, investment sizes, and timelines to manufacture the appearance of impropriety where none existed. ABC News’s hit piece appears to have been nothing more than pure propaganda designed to disparage the Trump family and poison public perception of Anduril Industries.

For the state of Ohio, ABC News’s flagrant lies are personal. Anduril is in the midst of a major manufacturing project in Pickaway County, Ohio—in fact, it’s the largest single job-creation project in the state’s history. Anduril is investing nearly \$1 billion, expects to create more than 4,000 high-paying jobs, and is already producing advanced unmanned systems right here in the state of Ohio. It is no exaggeration to say my constituents—Ohio workers, suppliers, and communities—are counting on this investment. ABC’s false reporting was calculated to damage Anduril’s reputation and, by extension, the livelihoods of Ohioans.

But here’s where this saga gets even more appalling. Instead of owning up to their mistakes, issuing a retraction, and informing the public of their errors, ABC News simply deleted the entire

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<sup>1</sup> Brian Flood, *ABC News deletes ‘hit piece’ on Trump sons’ Pentagon-linked investments without explanation*, Fox News (October 8, 2026), <https://www.foxnews.com/media/abc-news-deletes-hit-piece-trump-sons-pentagon-linked-investments-without-explanation>.

story from existence with no explanation. It was only after sustained criticism that ABC News republished a revised version with a buried editor's note admitting "errors in the description of certain company investments, government contracts and event chronologies." You would expect such a comically botched cover-up in Soviet Russia, not the United States of America. But it was too late. Before it was deleted, their hit job had already spread far and wide on social media, thanks in part to Democratic officials, and caused real harm.

ABC News operates under broadcast licenses issued by the FCC. Those licenses are a privilege, not a right. They require service of the public interest. Publishing baseless liberal hit pieces to influence an election, harm American companies, and smear the President's family does not serve the public interest. It is the exact behavior that has driven public confidence in the news media to historic lows

Thus, I urge the Commission to open a formal investigation into ABC News's political hit job. We must know who signed off on the publication of this false story, who may have stood to profit from the attack, and whether ABC News's conduct violated its obligations as a licensee. A free press is essential to a flourishing republic but controlled opposition running Democrat lies undermines Americans' faith in our democracy.

The American people, and the workers in Ohio whose jobs were put at risk by this reporting, deserve answers and accountability. I look forward to your prompt response and the results of a thorough inquiry.

Sincerely,



Bernie Moreno  
United States Senator