

## United States Senate

September 18, 2023

The Honorable Lisa Cook  
Board of Governors  
Federal Reserve System  
20th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20551

Dear Governor Cook:

Congratulations on your recent Senate confirmation to serve as a member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. Your position is an important and crucial one, charged with helping our country navigate through one of the worst inflation crises in recent memory. Failure is not an option.

As we discussed during our recent conversation, I am very skeptical and concerned about the Federal Reserve's actions over the past decade to balloon its balance sheet and asset holdings, namely the dangerous misallocation of capital that this has caused. The devastating impacts can be seen all around us today in our markets, small businesses, and families – record inflation, anemic growth, falling investment, and limited access to capital. Until the Fed's balance sheet and holdings are right-sized, we cannot return to a true market. Further, the onerous actions by the Federal Reserve Board have led to a record \$1 trillion loss of taxpayer dollars in just one year. This is unacceptable.

Finally, transparency and accountability at the Federal Reserve must be a priority. Today, the Federal Reserve is the largest government agency in the world, yet it operates without an independent, presidentially-appointed, Senate-confirmed Inspector General, unlike dozens of other federal government agencies and independent financial regulators. We have seen time and again how this structure does not work – the 2008 financial crisis, the failure of Signature Valley Bank (SVB) and others. Yet, no one is ever held accountable. The Federal Reserve must stop policing itself, and start welcoming true outside oversight to ensure it operates in a transparent and ethical manner. It is my sincere hope that you keep these important matters in mind as you continue your work as a Federal Reserve Governor and voting member of the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC).


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1. Will you commit to right-sizing the Federal Reserve's balance sheet and, at minimum, meeting the asset reduction goals put forth by the Committee in January 2022?
2. Will you support a presidentially-appointed, Senate-confirmed Inspector General at the Federal Reserve?
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