

1700 G Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20552

February 8, 2025

The Honorable Jerome H. Powell  
Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System  
20<sup>th</sup> Street and Constitution Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20551

Dear Chairman Powell:

The Consumer Financial Protection Act requires the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to transfer each quarter an “amount determined by the Director to be reasonably necessary” for the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection to carry out its authorities under law. 12 U.S.C. 5497(a)(1). In determining this amount, the Director must “take into account such other sums made available to the Bureau from the preceding year” or quarter. *Id.*

This letter is to inform you that for the Third Quarter of Fiscal Year 2025, the Bureau is requesting \$0.

During my review of the Bureau’s finances, I have learned that the Bureau has a balance of \$711,586,678.00 in the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection Fund. By law, I must take account of this sum when determining the amount “reasonably necessary” for the Bureau to fulfill its statutory authorities. *Id.* I have determined that no additional funds are necessary to carry out the authorities of the Bureau for Fiscal Year 2025. The Bureau’s current funds are more than sufficient—and are, in fact, excessive—to carry out its authorities in a manner that is consistent with the public interest.

In the past, the Bureau has at times opted to maintain a “reserve fund” for financial contingencies. But no such fund is required by statute or necessary to fulfill the Bureau’s mandate. The Bureau’s new leadership will run a substantially more streamlined and efficient bureau, cut this excessive fund, and do its part to reduce the federal deficit.

Sincerely,

/s/ Russell T. Vought  
Russell T. Vought, Acting Director

cc: Patrick J. McClanahan, Chief Operating Officer, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System