President Trump Continues to Sell Access to the Presidency, One Meme Coin at a Time

A joint statement from leading anticorruption groups, including Transparency International U.S., Americans for Financial Reform, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, Public Citizen, Indivisible, Common Cause, and Democracy Defenders Action calling on President Trump to cancel his November 22 meme coin dinner.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — On Sunday, President Trump is scheduled to host a dinner at his Virginia golf club for people who hold his $TRUMP meme coin. The organizers offered dinner invitations to the top 185 entrants and a VIP reception with President Trump to the top 29. The more coins entrants held and the longer they held them, the higher they ranked.

President Trump is using the power of his office to create demand for a coin that made him an estimated $636 million in 2025. A company seeking a favorable decision from his administration, or a foreign buyer seeking influence, can buy the president's coin to compete for time with him. The organizers posted a list showing which crypto wallets ranked highest in the contest for dinner invitations and VIP access. But the list only shows wallet addresses—leaving the public in the dark about who controls those wallets and who may have bought their way into the room with the president.

Meanwhile, people who bought the coin near its peak of more than $74 and held on saw nearly 99 percent of its value disappear. On November 16, it was worth about 92 cents. Now President Trump is offering access to himself again to boost demand for his meme coin and make more money from it.

The Senate was right to block the CLARITY Act, which would have set new rules for U.S. crypto markets without ending President Trump's ability to profit from the industry his administration oversees.

President Trump should cancel the dinner, and Congress should require presidents to fully divest from their crypto businesses, bar their adult children from using their proximity to the presidency to advance crypto ventures, and let state attorneys general enforce those rules in court. We stand ready to work with Congress to put those safeguards into law.

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