

May 11, 2026

The Honorable James Comer  
Chairman, House Committee on Oversight  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Comer:

We write to request that the Committee issue subpoenas and open an investigation into apparent corruption and insider trading occurring in online prediction markets. As you know there have been a number of suspicious trades made in connection with U.S. and Israeli military operations against Iran.

We are deeply concerned that individuals with access to sensitive government information have used that access for personal financial gain. For example, a single trader made nearly \$1 million with a 93 percent success rate on wagers predicting unannounced U.S. and Israeli military operations against Iran, placing bets hours before strikes in October 2024, June 2025, and February 2026.<sup>1</sup>

A separate group of 38 accounts netted more than \$2 million on the February 28 strikes alone, after being preloaded with funds the preceding week.<sup>2</sup> At least 50 newly created accounts placed coordinated bets on a U.S.-Iran ceasefire on April 7, some opened minutes before the announcement.<sup>3</sup> Israeli authorities have separately indicted two individuals, including a military reservist, for placing Iran-related bets on Polymarket using classified information.<sup>4</sup>

Some of the suspicious trades were reportedly placed on Polymarket Global, the platform's offshore site, which U.S. persons are barred from accessing under the terms of Polymarket's 2022 settlement with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.<sup>5</sup> The platform's failure to implement meaningful identity verification or enforce restrictions on U.S. persons raises serious questions about its broader compliance with federal law. A recent case illustrates the seriousness of the issue. In that case a U.S. Army special forces soldier was charged with using classified information to bet on the raid that captured Venezuelan leader Nicolás Maduro to win \$400,000 on the platform, Polymarket identified him and referred the matter to federal authorities, leading to his arrest and criminal charges.

The American public has a legitimate interest in knowing whether individuals entrusted with classified national security information have used that access for personal financial gain. A committee investigation, enforced with subpoenas, will include internal records, which are the only means by which the individuals who conducted these trades can be identified and the question of whether these platforms are upholding their responsibilities can be answered.

Congress has both the authority and the responsibility to determine whether existing ethics, classification, and financial disclosure laws have been violated, and whether legislative action is necessary to prevent recurrence. We cannot fulfill that responsibility without knowing who placed these trades.

Given the important national security implications and possible corruption occurring in these markets, we respectfully request a response to this letter outlining the Committee's planned approach to this issue no later than May 22, 2026.

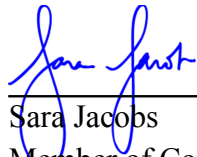
Sincerely,



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<sup>1</sup><https://www.cnn.com/2026/03/24/politics/iran-war-bets-prediction-markets>

<sup>2</sup><https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2026/3/25/large-polymarket-wall-street-bets-on-trumps-war-news-under-scrutiny>

<sup>3</sup><https://www.ksat.com/business/2026/04/08/newly-created-polymarket-accounts-bet-big-on-us-iran-ceasefire-in-hours-before-trumps-announcement>

<sup>4</sup><https://www.cnn.com/2026/04/24/politics/prediction-market-insider-trading-suspicious-activity>

<sup>5</sup><https://www.cftc.gov/PressRoom/PressReleases/8478-22>