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## **VIA E-Mail and First Class Mail**

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Re: <u>Inquiries Pertaining to Trump Towers Istanbul-Sisli.</u>

Dear Senators Udall, Duckworth, Warren and Blumenthal:

I am writing to respond to your letter and accompanying Request for Information dated October 22, 2019 addressed to Ms. Jill A. Martin in her capacity as Executive Vice President and Chief Compliance Counsel to the Trump Organization (the "Company"). This Request seeks information pertaining to the Company's agreement with Ortadogu Otomotive Ticaret A.S. ("Licensor") for the Trump Towers real estate development project (the "Project") in Istanbul-Sisli. As with previous letters addressed to the Company, we are responding voluntarily to your letter.

As a general rule, the Company seeks to cooperate to the fullest extent possible with governmental investigative and oversight bodies such as the United States Senate. Please note the following responses of the Company to your inquiry:

- the Company did not enter into a contractual relationship with the Turkish government, but rather, has entered into a private licensing agreement with Licensor;
- the Company did not seek approval from the Turkish government in order to enter into the licensing agreement;
- the Company does not communicate with the Turkish government with respect to the Project or any matters of foreign policy;
- the Turkish government does not have any rights under the licensing agreement to remove the "Trump" name from the Project or otherwise materially impact the licensing agreement.



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Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

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